



# CBI Newsletter

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Wow, has it been a busy season so far! Reports have come in from all over the state about the increase in boat traffic this summer. Catch up on what's happening by reading the news below. If you have a story you would like to share in the next newsletter please send text and photos/video to [mary@mainelakes.org](mailto:mary@mainelakes.org).

Sincerely,  
Mary Jewett - Milfoil Coordinator

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## Save on Moose Pond

On the Fourth of July Jaden Poulin, an inspector with the Lakes Environmental Association, discovered a suspicious plant on a boat coming from Sebago Lake. At the time Jaden was working at Moose Pond in Denmark, a lake that is free of any invasives that we are aware of. The plant was identified as milfoil by LEA staff and sent to St. Joseph's College for verification on the species. Luc Bernacki of St. Joseph's determined that it was variable-leaved milfoil, causing celebration of this great "save" in the Lakes Region. Watch the video below to hear what Jaden had to say about his discovery:





### Third invasive plant found in Cobbossee Lake

News from Maine DEP:

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (FOCW) plant surveyors recently found a suspicious water-milfoil in Jug Stream, just downstream of the Annabessacook Lake dam. Suspected to be the invasive variable-leaved water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*), a plant sample was sent to a St. Joseph's College lab in Standish with the ability to confirm identification of water-milfoils. Luc Bernacki of St. Joseph's College confirmed to Maine Department of Environmental Protection that the plant is variable-leaved water-milfoil, a prohibited plant species in Maine.

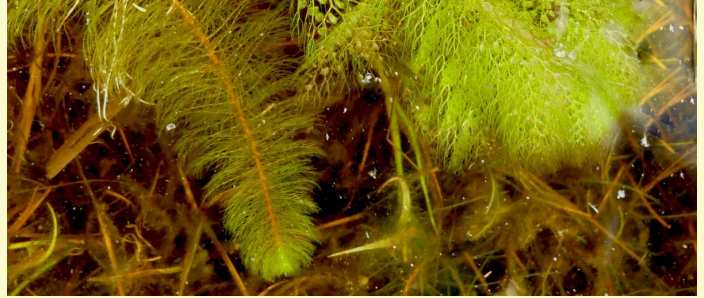
"Discovery of this plant in Cobbossee is not a complete surprise since it's been in upstream Annabessacook for several years, but it's still very disappointing," said John McPhedran of DEP's Invasive Aquatic Species Program. "The Cobbossee Lake community is fortunate to have three strong organizations - Cobbossee Yacht Club Lake Association, Cobbossee Watershed District and Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed working to protect the resource. Maine DEP joins them in rapid response to this new infestation."

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

### Common Milfoil Look-a-like

Aquatic plants, both native and invasive, have had a fantastic growing season this summer. There are many look-a-likes for milfoil in Maine, but a very common one is bladderwort. Although the leaf structure is totally different from milfoil, bladderwort often grows in masses and can look suspicious to boaters and inspectors. Since this is such a common plant it is important for coordinators to become familiar with it, and share that knowledge with inspectors.





Milfoil (left) and bladderwort

## New Milfoil Patch Discovered on Long Lake

In June, Gilon Backlund, a CBI with the Lakes Environmental Association, discovered a fragment of milfoil on a trailer leaving Long Lake in Harrison. While Long Lake does have invasive milfoil, the known infestation is over 8 miles away from the launch site in Harrison. The LEA plant control team sprang into action and the next week they had put down benthic barriers (tarps that block the sun) over a large patch found close to the ramp, close to two marinas. This discovery is just one more example of why the CBI program is so important. Not only do we save lakes from new infestations, we also can be the ones to discover new infestations, allowing for a rapid response and clean up.

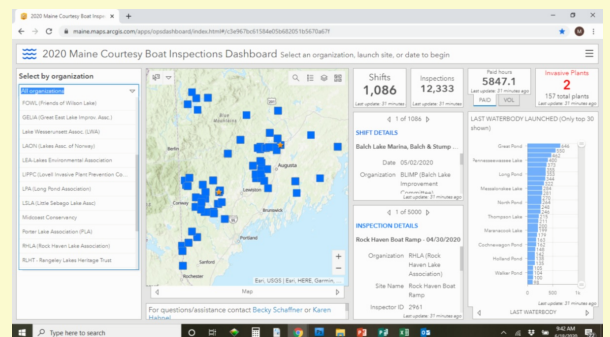


Gilon at the Harrison ramp on Long Lake

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## Check Out the Dashboard

Over 40,000 inspections have been submitted using the Survey123 Mobile App this summer. We encourage you to go online and explore the data. The DEP is not requiring an interim report for CBI groups this year but you are expected to have submitted all your data through June. Check the dashboard to see the status of your data.



[Click here to visit the dashboard.](#)

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