

Make plans for summer!

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# SHORELINES

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES ASSOCIATION

Despite the groundhog predicting six more weeks of winter and yet another snow storm on the horizon, the NH LAKES staff is planning for summer, and we hope you are too!

In this issue of *Shorelines*, you'll find out what we have in store for the 2015 Lakes Congress, how your group can participate in the Lake Host program - even if there isn't a boat ramp open to the general public on your lake - and much more!

Summer will come again - make sure you are ready for it!



*Dedicated to protecting  
New Hampshire lakes  
and their watersheds.*

**JOIN NOW**

Join us an individual,  
family, association, or  
business member!

If you are a member of  
your local lake or  
watershed association,  
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Beat the winter blues  
with a fun night out in  
support of a great  
organization!

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## If there's a boat ramp on your lake...



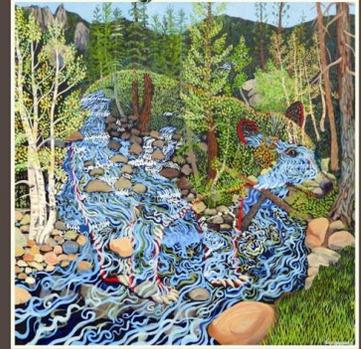
## it's time to start planning to protect your lake from aquatic invasive species this summer!

The Lake Host Program is a courtesy boat inspection program administered by NH LAKES in cooperation with local participating groups to help boaters prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Trained Lake Host volunteers and employees staff boat ramps (public and private) throughout the state, teaching boaters how clean, drain, and dry their boats and gear to prevent the spread of devastating species like variable milfoil and Asian clams. Since 2002, Lake Hosts have captured more than 1,467 fragments of hitchhiking aquatic invasive species.

**If there are boat ramps on your lake open to the general public**, now is the time to apply for a 2015 Lake Host Payroll grant award to staff them with Lake Host employees this summer! For more information, and to download the grant application, [click here](#). Applications are due by March 16.

**If there are private boat ramps on your lake**, now is the time to start planning a volunteer Lake Host Program to protect your lake this summer! Homeowner associations, marinas, campgrounds, and other owners

SYRCL's **WILD & SCENIC** FILM FESTIVAL  
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Hosted by the  
**New Hampshire Rivers Council**  
Friday, March 27, 2015  
Red River Theatres, Concord, NH



The New Hampshire Rivers Council is bringing one of the largest environmental film festivals to the Red River Theatres in Concord on Friday, March 27, 2015.

Tickets are on sale now. To learn more and to purchase yours before they are sold out, [click here!](#)

## IN THE NEWS



**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

of boat ramps not open to the public can participate in the Lake Host Program by pledging to staff boat ramps with volunteers. NH LAKES can also hire individuals to work as Lake Hosts at these ramps, provided that local funding is contributed. For more information visit our website at [www.nhlakes.org/lake-host](http://www.nhlakes.org/lake-host).

**We look forward to working with groups that have participated in the Lake Host Program in the past and new groups in 2015!**

**Join us on May 29th to kick off summer!**



**Register for the 2015 Lakes Congress TODAY!**

**Friday, May 29, 2015**

**Church Landing at Mills Falls, Meredith, NH**

The 2015 Lakes Congress, our 22nd annual educational, training, and networking event, is designed for lake and other natural resource stewards including local lake (watershed, bay, cove, etc.) associations, lake management professionals, lake-related businesses, and municipal and political leaders.

The 2015 Lakes Congress will feature **Eric Eckl**, a nationally-renowned public relations and marketing campaign strategist for environmental causes and principal of **Water Words That Work**, as plenary speaker and workshop presenter.

In addition, a special presentation will be held at Church Landing the evening before the Lakes Congress. All

Happy 150th, N.H. Fish & Game! [Click here.](#)

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Lakes Region architect designing new state marine patrol headquarters. [Click here.](#)

#### **NORTHEAST**

Adirondack lakes are key to tourism. [Click here.](#)

Dogs and harmful algal blooms. [Click here.](#)

Vermont House votes in favor of microbead ban. [Click here.](#)

#### **MID-WEST**

Invasive species in the Great Lakes by 2063. [Click here.](#)

The Great Lakes are teeming With tiny, plastic fibers, scientists say. [Click here.](#)

Worries rise over invasive species in Nebraska rivers and lakes. [Click here.](#)

#### **WEST**

Lake Tahoe sees mysterious loss of aquatic animals and vegetation. [Click here.](#)

Unseasonal toxic algae bloom in California lake kills three dogs. [Click here.](#)

#### **NORTHWEST**

registrants will receive a special discount to spend the evening of May 28th at any of the [Mills Falls Inns](#) in Meredith.

For more information, including conference agenda, session descriptions, and exhibitor, sponsorship, and registration information, [click here](#).

### Plan to join us at the 2015 Lakes Congress!

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*A message from our Member Services Program...*

### Attention Lake Association Leaders:

### Report & Fee to NH Secretary of State Due in 2015!

Every five years since 1990, nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire are required to file a 5-year return and fee to the New Hampshire Secretary of State. This year - 2015 - is one of those years.



Instructions and more information will be mailed by the Secretary of State to nonprofit organizations at their principal address on file. To check your organization's principal address on the Secretary of State's website, [click here](#).

To file your group's 5-year return on-line, [click here](#).

Nonprofits failing to file the return may be dissolved.

For more information, email [annualreports@SOS.State.NH.US](mailto:annualreports@SOS.State.NH.US).

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Protecting Northwest waters from aquatic invasive species will take political muscle. [Click here](#).

### NATIONAL

Researchers identify, name toxic cyanobacteria killing American bald eagles. [Click here](#).

### WORLD

Disappearing lakes in Greenland? [Click here](#).

Study: Earth's fresh-water resources at risk. [Click here](#).

Woven wonders from water weeds and waste. [Click here](#).

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Winter fun on lakes! Photo source: [nhmagazine.com](http://nhmagazine.com)

**We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Shorelines*.** As always, please contact us with your lake questions and concerns.

**Sincerely,**

The NH LAKES Staff

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