

Still plenty of summer left!

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It's been a busy summer!

At NH LAKES this summer, not only did we embark upon setting two Guinness World Records while spreading the word far and wide about aquatic invasive species prevention, we launched two new education programs and unveiled a new website and member services contact management system!

And that's not all! We hosted our annual Lakes Congress in June and our Lake Hosts have inspected more than 45,000 boats so far this summer helping boaters to prevent the spread of hitchhiking aquatic plants and animals. But, there's still plenty of summer left and good work to be done!

We suspect that your summer has been busy too! We hope you've found time to get out on your favorite lake with family and friends. And, we hope you'll take a few minutes to read this issue of *Shorelines* - you'll learn much more about what we have been up to and what might be going on in your lake!

Check out this new NH LAKES program!

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**Lake Hosts
Continue to Prevent
the Spread!**



Discover NH Lakes & Ponds through the Lake Explorer Quest!

Lakes and ponds are for exploring and so much more! NH LAKES invites you, along with your families and friends, to get out and explore our lakes and ponds by paddling through the **Lake Explorer Quest** - one of NH LAKES' newest stewardship programs.

Individuals/families who explore three waterbodies by canoe, kayak, paddleboard, or other paddle boat, and document their explorations with NH LAKES will earn an official Lake Explorer Quest patch and decal. Participants must also certify that they practiced the "Clean, Drain & Dry" method for preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and implemented safe boating practices on each excursion.

To find out more, [click here](#).

From the archives...



Cotton Candy in the Lake?

by Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice President



So far this summer, our approximately 750 Lake Hosts stationed at 100 of the busiest boat ramps throughout New Hampshire have captured 38 pieces of aquatic invasive plants trying to hitchhike their way into our waters!

Lake Hosts at First Connecticut Lake in Pittsburg made their first-ever 'save' in the North Country in June when they removed a fragment of variable milfoil attached to a boat that had just been in Lake Winnepesaukee!

To see when and where these 'saves' have been made, [CLICK HERE](#).

In the News



NH LAKES LakeFest, Photo

The calls have started...

"Hi, I was out sailing on the lake yesterday and I saw something strange in the water," reported the curious caller. "It was floating under the surface and looked like a billowy yellow-green colored cloud."

"Did it look like cotton candy?" I asked.

"Why, yes, I suppose that it did," confirmed the caller.

What is it?

You may find billowy masses of what looks like cotton candy in your lake in mid-summer, typically following a long hot spell, or after significant rains. The clouds often congregate in shallow water near the shoreline, but can also be found floating aimlessly out in the deep open water. This cotton candy-like mass is actually made up of hair-like strands of thousands, maybe even millions, of individual single-celled green algae (microscopic plants) connected end-to-end. The algae provide valuable food and cover for aquatic insects and fish.

How does it happen and what does it mean?

To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).

Freshwater Mussels of New Hampshire



Did you know that there are 10 species of native freshwater mussels in the state of New Hampshire?

Some species are common and widespread in our rivers, ponds and lakes. Others, have reached population numbers so low that they are now considered endangered.

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[Bittersweet the Enemy Around Pearly Pond](#)

[New Hampshire Lakes Association Challenges World Record and Aquatic Invasive Species](#)

[Raft-a-palooza is 'Water Quality Education in Disguise'](#)

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[Anglers - Please Release Tagged Bass when Fishing the Squam Lakes](#)

[NH DES Beach Advisories & Cyanobacteria Lake Warnings](#)

[Milfoil Found at Amherst's Baboosic Lake](#)

[Winnepesaukee's Mail Boat Is Part Floating Post Office, Part Time Machine](#)

NATIONAL LAKE NEWS

[N.E. Lakes Recovering Rapidly from Acid Rain](#)

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department encourages reports of mussel sightings through their [Wildlife Sightings website](#) to help keep track of our mussel populations.

You can help! For more information, [click here](#).

LakeFast 2014: Raft-a-Palooza paddlers unofficially break Guinness World Record for largest simultaneous launch!



Action shot from inside Sun. 8/3's 15-second simultaneous launch Guinness World Record attempt at NH LAKES' LakeFest 2014: Raft-a-Palooza. Image copyright Ned Grace Photography (www.nedgrace.com)

Hundreds of paddlers hit the water at NH LAKES' LakeFest: Raft-a-Palooza to help protect NH's lakes from aquatic invasive species

On Sunday, August 3rd, an unbroken line of canoes and kayaks stretched along the entire Lake Winnepesaukee shoreline at Endicott Rock Park in Laconia, NH. Following a blessing of the fleet, paddlers braced for a countdown, and the subsequent race to get their boats launched in 15 seconds or less. They were participating in an attempt at NH LAKES' LakeFest: Raft-a-Palooza to capture the Guinness World Record for largest simultaneous launch of canoes and kayaks. A group in Hobart, Tasmania set the current record of 308 boats on February 9, 2013. On August 3rd, 396 boats took part in the Guinness World Record attempt at Endicott Rock Park.

Invasive Spiny Waterflea Spreading in Adirondack Lakes

Toxic Algae Blooms to Persist on Lake Erie, Experts Say

INTERNATIONAL LAKE NEWS

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Check it out at WWW.NHLAKES.ORG

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

Sincerely,

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protecting New Hampshire's approximately 1,000 lakes and ponds.

NH LAKES relies on memberships and donations to do its work to achieve its mission.

Membership starts at just \$50 a year - and \$35 if you are a member of your local lake or watershed association!

Please consider becoming a member today - it's easy to join, just [CLICK HERE.](#)

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