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Will YOU be our One in a Million?

Between July 28 and August 5, NH LAKES expects its ONE MILLIONTH courtesy boat inspection will be conducted through the Lake Host Program!

Concord, N.H., July 25, 2018: While they can't possibly know exactly when and where the one-millionth Lake Host courtesy boat inspection will occur this summer, NH LAKES is hosting a fun raffle to select the honorary one millionth boater and inspection. Between Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, August 5, if you launch or retrieve your boat at a participating access site and enter this FREE raffle, you could be selected as the 'One Millionth Boater' and win \$500!

At least forty-two local groups that participate in the NH LAKES Lake Host Program at some of the most highly visited boat launch sites in the state will be inviting boaters to enter the raffle. Boaters that launch or retrieve their boats at these sites and participate in a courtesy boat and trailer inspection conducted by a Lake Host to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals will receive information on the three ways to enter the raffle: in person, online, or by mail.

All completed raffle entries received by NH LAKES will be entered into a random drawing. The Grand Prize winner will be named the 'Honorary One Millionth Boater' and will win \$500. Two runner-ups will win NH LAKES prize packs (valued at \$50 each).

"Not only will the boater selected as the honorary 'One Millionth Boater' win the Grand Prize of \$500, the local group that conducted the boater's inspection will also win \$500," explained Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice President. "The prize money will help the local group provide more Lake Host time at the boat launch, providing additional protection to the lake from invasive species—it's a win-win, for the boater, the local group, *and* the lake."

This raffle is solely funded by NH LAKES board of directors and staff. While the organization expects that the raffle will be fun for all involved, the main objective of this nine-day event is to help raise awareness across the state about how boaters can help prevent the spread of invasive species.

Since 2002, thousands of individuals trained by NH LAKES as Lake Hosts have taught boaters how to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals from lake to lake by always taking time to clean, drain, and dry their boat, trailer, and gear between waterbodies. During the program's 16-year history, Lake Hosts have found and removed 1,572 specimens of invasive species that were hitchhiking on a boat or trailer that was about to enter or had just been taken out of a lake. Infestations of invasive species degrade the health and enjoyment of lakes, are difficult and expensive to control, and are nearly impossible to get rid of once they are well-established in lakes.

"We can't thank boaters enough for always taking the time to clean, drain, and dry their boat, especially when a Lake Host isn't at the ramp to remind them," added LaMoreaux. "Hosting the 'One Millionth Boater' raffle is just a small way to say thanks."

NH LAKES is the only statewide, member-supported nonprofit organization working to keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy, now and in the future. The organization works with partners, promote clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit www.nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 603.226.0299.

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NH LAKES 'One Millionth Boater' Raffle Participating Local Groups

Beaver Lake Improvement Association
Bow Lake Camp Owners' Association
Canaan Lake Association
Clough Pond Association
Conway Lake Conservation Association
Crescent Lake Association (Acworth/Unity)
Deering Conservation Commission
Dublin Conservation Association (Dublin Lake)
Gilmore Pond Association
Harrisville Pond
Highland Lake Association (Stoddard/Nelson)
Jenness Pond Shore Owners Association
Kingston Lake Association
Kolelemook Lake Protective Association
Laconia Conservation Commission (Lake Opechee)
Lake Armington Association
Lake Wentworth Watershed Association
Lake Wicwas Association
Little Sunapee Protective Association
Lovell Lake Association
Merrymeeting Lake Association
Messer Pond Protective Association
Millen Lake Association
Newfound Lake Region Association
Northwood Lake Watershed Association
Nubanusit Lake Association
Pawtuckaway Lake Association
Pleasant Lake Preservation Association (Deerfield/Northwood)
Pine River Pond Association
Pool Pond Protective Association
Sand Pond Association
Silver Lake Association on Chesham/Nelson
Silver Lake Association of Madison
Spofford Lake Association
Swanzey Lake Association
Town of Brookline (Lake Potanipo)
Town of Gilford (Lake Winnepesaukee)
Town of Meredith (Lake Winnepesaukee)
Town of Pittsburg (First, Second, Third CT Lakes; Lake Francis)
Town of Wolfeboro (Lake Winnepesaukee, Back Bay)
Waukewan Associations
Webster Lake Association