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# PLEASANT | PARKER *Lake | Pond* ASSOCIATION

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## NEW! Volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Team Pilot Program

Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond face a growing threat from aquatic invasive species (AIS), such as milfoil, which are often introduced through plant fragments transported on boats and trailers. As boat traffic increases, so does the risk of infestation. While our current Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program—staffed with paid inspectors on weekends—serves as our primary defense, it provides limited coverage (20 hours per week at each boat launch).

To strengthen protection during high-traffic periods and foster community engagement, we are piloting a Volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspector Pilot Program for Summer 2025. This initiative aims to supplement our scheduled paid weekend coverage with trained volunteers during select peak boating dates. Volunteers will be responsible for educating boaters, inspecting boats for invasive species, and recording basic inspection data.

The pilot will involve:

- Training: Volunteers complete a short online course, review a handbook, and attend a brief practice session.
- Coverage: 10–12 volunteers will staff approximately 32 four-hour shifts on high-traffic days (e.g., July 4th, Casco Days)
- Coordination: A Volunteer Coordinator will oversee training, scheduling, and data collection.

This pilot will be evaluated at the end of the season to determine its effectiveness and future viability. The program offers a low-commitment, high-impact way for community members to help protect our lakes while building public awareness.

### Responsibilities of a Courtesy Boat Inspector:

- Educating the public on preventing the spread of invasive species
- Inspecting boats for aquatic invasive species.
- Documenting inspection data for each watercraft

### Who would make a good Volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspector?

- High comfort level interacting with the public in a professional and friendly manner
- Ability to work independently and remain on task
- No prior experience is required, training provided and can be completed in less than two hours
- No boat required; shifts are conducted on land at our boat launches
- Minimal time commitment required; sign up for one or more shifts

**Beyond the immediate goal of protecting Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond, the Volunteer CBI Team will also help raise awareness about our lake association's work while engaging with the boating community to share information and gather valuable feedback. It's a great opportunity to be outside and make a meaningful difference for water quality!**

**Interested in joining the Volunteer CBI Team? Email us at [plppassoc@gmail.com](mailto:plppassoc@gmail.com)!**

