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From the dock of Andrea LaMoreaux

Spring arrives for me not with a date on the calendar, but with the ringing of the phone and the flooding of my inbox.

As the ice melts away, calls and messages begin to come in—lake associations planning their annual meetings, inviting us to speak, and gearing up for another season of caring for our lakes.

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and with it comes renewed momentum.

We're preparing to post Lake Host courtesy boat inspectors at ramps across the state. Communities are scheduling LakeSmart property tours. And, we're putting the finishing touches on our Lakes Congress networking event for June.

Each effort brings people like you together to connect, learn, and take action for the lakes we all love.

Because of your support, together we are building a stronger, more resilient future for our lakes.

I'm grateful for your partnership as we begin another season of caring for our lakes.

Hope to see you soon!



Andrea LaMoreaux
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Not All Heroes Wear Capes. Some Wear Lake Host Shirts!

Every lake needs a hero at the public boat ramp.

For Stinson Lake, one of those heroes is Trevor Tobine.

"I wanted a job that helps the environment and lets me be outdoors," Trevor explained.

As a Lake Host, most of his summer days include friendly conversations with boaters, checking boats for hitchhiking invasive plants and animals, and sharing quick tips that keep boats clean–and the lake healthy.



Trevor Tobine is on duty, stopping invasive species from sneaking into Stinson Lake. Grab a spot at the ramp this summer and become your lake's newest hero as a Lake Host!

"I really enjoy helping keep New Hampshire's lakes free of invasive species," he told NH LAKES. "Especially working on a lake that doesn't have any."

Lake Hosts are the friendly first line of defense for the lakes you love. But many ramps still need coverage this upcoming summer.

Lake Hosts are all ages! Many Lake Hosts are retirees giving back to the lake that shaped their summers. Others are college students earning summer income while gaining hands-on experience in conservation.

"Being a Lake Host is a fun, flexible job and an important way to prevent the spread of invasive species."

—Trevor Tobine, Lake Host

Our lakes need people like you to step up as Lake Hosts to help safeguard our lakes from unwanted plants and animals. Spend a few hours a week at the boat ramp protecting the lake you love. Visit **nhlakes.org/lake-host** to learn more about becoming a Lake Host this summer.

Every Boat Ramp Needs a Hero. Could It Be You?

Enjoy time outdoors, meet fellow lake lovers, and help protect New Hampshire's lakes as a Lake Host. Both paid and volunteer opportunities are available. You can be part of this effort by visiting **nhlakes.org/lake-host** to learn more.

EXTRA! EXTRA! LakeSmart Gets a Powerful New Tool!

Thanks to you, families and communities will soon have a powerful new tool to help them protect the lakes they love.

This summer, NH LAKES will launch the LakeSmart Portal: a new online hub where property owners and communities can track their LakeSmart progress, access resources, and see how their lake-friendly living efforts are contributing to healthier lakes.

But the most exciting part isn't the technology.

It's what happens when neighbors come together.

Through the LakeSmart Community Program, volunteers and lake-friendly property owners are working together to reduce runoff water and protect water quality. When neighborhoods of properties are cared for with lake health in mind, the benefits ripple across the entire lake.

Communities will soon be able to track their progress together and see how individual actions and shared projects add up to real impact for the lake they love.

That's the vision behind the new LakeSmart Portal.

And it's all happening because of you. With each community that joins, the momentum grows.

What's growing across New Hampshire is more than action. It's real, positive change for our lakes.

Be First to Explore the LakeSmart Portal

Sign up at **emails.nhlakes.org** to be notified when the LakeSmart Portal launches this summer.

And, visit **lakesmart.nhlakes.org** to learn how to become a LakeSmart Community!



Donna and George Stampone are part of a growing LakeSmart community at Crescent Lake in Acworth/Unity. The new LakeSmart Portal will help communities like theirs track progress and build momentum together.

Nominate Dedicated Lake Leadership by June 1

Every lake community has someone behind the scenes making a difference–going above and beyond for the lake they love. It might be the volunteer who conducts water quality testing, or the advocate speaking up for lakes at the State House. It could be the person who shares ways others can take action, and the steward who takes simple, lake-friendly steps in their everyday life.

Help us recognize and celebrate those who make a lasting impact on New Hampshire's lakes.

Nominate someone for the John F. Morten Award for Exemplary Lake Stewardship by June 1 at **nhlakes.org/awards.** Let's shine a spotlight on the people whose dedication keeps our lakes clean, healthy, and thriving.



Kevin Kelly, 2025 Morten Award recipient, represents the passion and commitment behind healthy lakes. Go to nhlakes.org/awards to nominate someone in your community by June 1.

The Next Wave: Lake-Friendly Boating Is Almost Here

New Hampshire's lakes are where memories are made, from early morning fishing trips to sunset paddles. Lakes support local communities, recreation, wildlife, and the traditions that bring families back to the water year after year.

Because of you, NH LAKES will soon launch the statewide Lake-Friendly Boating initiative: a smart, simple way for boaters to protect the lakes they love.

Lake-Friendly Boating rests on Five Pillars:

- Protecting Water Quality
- Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species
- Protecting Shorelines and Lake Bottoms
- Protecting Wildlife
- Protecting Native Aquatic Plants

Boaters like you will have access to these tools:

- An interactive lake map that guides all boaters to make lake-friendly choices for our lakes
- The Lake-Friendly Boating Pledge
- A printable lake-friendly boating map for your lake upon request
- Downloadable maps for your boat's onboard GPS display



Photograph by Kittie Wilson

From sunny cruises to shared traditions, New Hampshire's lakes are where memories are made. Lake-Friendly Boating will help ensure moments like these can continue by giving boaters simple ways to protect the lakes they love.

These tools will help boaters identify deeper water, avoid sensitive areas, and make lake-friendly decisions right from the helm.

Boating Season Is Almost Here

The Lake-Friendly Boating initiative is still being readied for launch. Until then, check out our tips to help you get ready for the boating season ahead at **nhlakes.org/boating-season.**

Connect, Learn, and Take Action—Lakes Congress Registration is Open NOW!

The countdown is on for Lakes Congress 2026! Registration is open for Friday, June 5, at the Grappone Center in Concord.

Join lake advocates, volunteers, scientists, and community leaders from across New Hampshire for a day focused on protecting the lakes we all love. Through expert presentations, real-world case studies, and conversations with others working to safeguard their lakes, you'll gain practical ideas you can bring back to your own lake community.

This event sells out fast—secure your spot today! Visit **nhlakes.org/lakes-congress** and register before it's too late.



Lake lovers from across New Hampshire come together to share ideas, build connections, and strengthen the future of our lakes. Join them at Lakes Congress and be part of the momentum! Visit nhlakes.org/lakes-congress to register today.