

Seymour Lake Association



Seymour Celebrates Another Year of No Aquatic Invasive Species!

Our Seymour Lake greeter program runs from the end of May through the end of October, and again we are able to celebrate another year free of aquatic invasive species (AIS)! This is what happens when we all put our shoulders to the wheel and work together. Here's part of our story in numbers:

- * Twenty-four people worked as greeters or with the VIP patrollers to inspect watercraft and survey the lake.

- * We conducted 1,073 water craft inspections, which is only slightly down from 1,197 in 2023. This was a substantial number of inspections in 2024, particularly when you consider the boat access was closed for six weeks due to the State's dredging.

- * Heartfelt thanks to each of the 90+ people who

responded within 24 hours to our email blast, asking for help cleaning up our north beach after a horrific storm ... one handful of "gunk" and debris at a time!

* Special thanks to David Wieselmann, the Director of our VIP program, who directs 14 volunteers who regularly patrol Seymour, (most often you'll see them in kayaks) looking for AIS. David reports 160 documented volunteer hours.

* Special thanks to Beth Torpey for coordinating and managing our AIS program, and also to the following greeters who worked tirelessly on our behalf: Bud Bergh, Karla Braunesreither, Kim Germain, Bethany Howe, Cora Kelly, Cassidy Mitchell, Liam Torpey, Kerry Wevurski, and Dean White.

According to the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds' (FOVLAP) President Pat Souzzi, a huge number (103) of Vermont's lakes and ponds are infested with AIS ... most recently, Joe's Pond and Eden, sadly being added to the list of impaired lakes.

So from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your donations of time, SLA membership dues, and the

generous donations to SLA so many of you make to ensure that Seymour Lake remains free of aquatic invasive species!



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