



## NEWPORT PARKS & RECREATION

### Greeter Program Newport City Dock

#### Overview

In an effort to educate the public on aquatic invasive species and to improve the recreational value and overall health of Lake Memphremagog, the Newport Parks & Recreation Department wishes to implement a Greeter Program for the Newport City Dock public launch.

*Aquatic invasive species are spread by overland transport of watercraft, trailers, and fishing and recreational equipment. The most effective way to prevent spread is through education and equipment inspections designed to catch invasive species "hitching a ride" from one waterbody to another. Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species is far more effective and economically sensible than eradicating invasive species once they are established. With support from Vermont DEC, Public Access Greeters educate lake visitors about invasive species, provide courtesy watercraft inspections and STOP introductions.*

#### Greeter Duties

- Approaching and interacting with boaters
- Inspecting watercraft
- Identifying and handling suspicious specimens
- Distributing educational material on aquatic invasive species
- Issuing User Certificates and stickers to interested boaters (see attached *User Certificate*)
- Issuing Washing Certificates and assisting with the washing of boats, trailers, and other related equipment (see attached *Washing Certificate*)
- Maintain accurate data related to boat traffic and equipment inspections
- Assist dock staff with delivery of dock services
- Maintain launch and surrounding areas with regards to safety and appearance

#### Greeter Schedule

May 1 - October 9 (23 weeks)

Weekdays 8am to 4pm (112 occurrences, 896 hours)

Weekends and Holidays 6am to 6pm (50 occurrences, 600 hours)