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## *Press Release*

**Franklin, VT, Summer 2018:** During this year's boating season, our boat steward Adrian Forbes, has spent over 500hrs keeping invasive species out of Lake Carmi. Adrian was covering both the North Beach and the State Park Boat launches. Aquatic plants, animals, and other debris were removed from boats entering and leaving Lake Carmi and boaters who were not familiar with invasive species were informed. At the time of our mid-season progress report, there had been 374 inspections conducted:

- Aquatic species were removed from 20 watercraft before they were launched onto Lake Carmi. Species found include Eurasian Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Eelgrass, live snails, and 3 cases of unidentifiable plants.
- Aquatic species were removed from 25 vessels upon retrieval from Lake Carmi. Species found include Elodea, Eurasian Milfoil, and Eelgrass.
- 41 people were unfamiliar with invasive species. These individuals were educated on what invasive species are, how they are spread, and what specific species are the biggest threat to our lake.

Keep an eye out for Adrian over Labor Day weekend and stop by to thank him for all his hard work! And thanks to the Lake Champlain Basin Program for supporting our efforts!