

1. Invasives are on the rise in the Adirondacks. In particular, any boat coming from Lake Champlain or Lake George, Saranac Lakes, Chateaugay Lake or Lake Flower is likely carrying invasives, plants and animals, many of which can't be seen. If you are bringing a boat into Rainbow Lake from there, please do a HOT WATER cleaning along with Clean, Drain Dry. Hot water kills the things you can't see. There are hot water DECON station.

The Adirondack Watershed Institute has put together a comprehensive map and list of these stations, and we've highlighted ones that are located in and around the Adirondacks.

- Upper Saranac Lake NYS DEC Boat Launch - 12 Back Bay Rd, Saranac Lake, NY 12983**
- Second Pond NYS DEC Boat Launch - State Route 3, 3.5 miles southwest of the Village of Saranac Lake**
- Lake Placid NYS DEC Boat Launch - George & Bliss Ln, Lake Placid, NY 12946**
- Lake Champlain - Peru NYS DEC Boat Launch - 3920 U.S. 9, Plattsburgh, NY 12901**

2. The cost of invasives is staggering. Members of the Chateaugay Lake Assn. sat next to me at a recent AIS training at the VIC.. They have a Eurasian Milfoil infestation, and their lake association has spent \$600,000!! and countless hours trying to mitigate. They did start using ProcellaCOR to help contain with some success. Also, last year's heavy rains caused sediment to rise, which has tamped down invasives. There is progress, but it is still a huge problem. They are constantly fundraising and trying to build community to address the challenge.

Property values decline in infested waterways.

Bottom line: Prevention is a lot less expensive than the cure.

3. Message to Members

If you see something, say something.!

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) run out of the Keane Valley office of the Nature Conservancy does a great job coordinating AIS monitoring across the Adirondacks. We are lucky to have them doing outreach and education. The Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) at Paul Smith's College is also a great resource.

Anna Hardiman is our contact at APIPP. She can be reached at anna.hardiman@tnc.org. She is very friendly and knowledgeable. You can send a photo or email her any time with questions.

a. If you see something unusual in the water, plant or animal such as invasive snails or clams, please take a photo or sample of the plant so we can send to Anna at APIPP, or the AWI at Paul Smith's for identification.

b. Look in shallow areas, by boat launches and on the shoreline for unusual or aggressive growth. Areas like the Flow and the Saranac River with moving water seem of less concern. Boat launches and shallow areas near the shoreline are the place to look.

c. Stay vigilant. We have an amazing waterway. Let's all work to protect it.

4. Get Educated. Please visit ADKInvasives.com for resources or contact me. We are always looking for new volunteers to complete their survey of the lake. I can show people how and what to look for when they survey.

5. Our Volunteer Survey crew does a great job monitoring the waterway. We have been completed surveys at the far South End of Rainbow, in the Narrows and in the Saranac River Flow. We need volunteers in particular for Clear Pond and Lake Kushaqua. Please contact Michael Brickman, m.brickman@me.com to volunteer.

Remember

1. If you see something, say something.

2. Educate yourself and your guests at ADKInvasives.com

3. Clean, Drain and Dry your boat. Be sure to use HOT WATER at a DEC Decon Station nearby.