

Lake Management Report

Our July 11th eighth annual community “Take back our Lake” day was as much of a success as previous years. As last year, we had five boat teams working the West basin , and one team working the East basin. Again as last year, we still seemed to get the job done with less participation than we had when we first started this weed harvesting method. The West basin’s objective has always been to remove as many weeds as possible from the large weed beds , concentrating on areas that get heavy boat traffic , in an effort to reduce propeller fowling and “prop-chop” of Eurasian Water Milfoil. This harvesting method is much more difficult for the East basin for many reasons , the major one of course is that there is too much Lake and not enough volunteer boat teams. So please, those of you with pontoon boats on the East basin call Jeff Glick in the spring to volunteer to help. Jeff and his volunteers have worked very hard these last two years, but one boat team is just not enough to do the job the East basin needs. Lake Management ; (West Basin: Mike Blood , East Basin : Jeff Glick) , would like to advise the community that Jeff has found a weed harvester called the Eco Harvester , (www.ecoharvester.net), please take a look at it and watch the video. This is the only weed harvester of it’s kind that pulls the weeds out by the roots rather than cutting them. The purchase of this harvester remains out of reach for the MCA with it’s current funding from memberships. Perhaps one day the entire Lake community, not just MCA members , can come together for a one time shared “cost per

household”, to obtain a means by which we might actually stop the relentless advance of invasive weeds and finally have the improved quality Lake we are all looking for.