

Lake Management Report

Our July 12th seventh annual community “Take back our Lake” day was once again as successful as years past. This year we had five boat teams working the West basin and one team working the East basin. While our number of boat teams was less than previous years we still seemed to pull as many weeds as before. I noticed this year that the Curly Leaf Pondweed seemed to grow to the surface much sooner than the Eurasian Water Milfoil. Were it not for Curly Leaf Pondweed, we would have had a much more difficult time targeting the Milfoil. I also suspect that when the Curly Leaf dies back and collapses in late July it takes down with it some of the Milfoil that we were not able to pull. We have always hoped that our weed harvesting efforts will result in native aquatic weeds returning and helping to “crowd out” the invasives, and while this is the natural condition on the East basin, we only see this happening in the shallower areas on the West Basin. I remain thoroughly impressed by this community’s dedication to such a seemingly insurmountable task as removing invasive weeds from a 200 acre lake. Thank you all once again for volunteering your time and labor!

P.S. You may have noticed two new signs; one at the MCA launch and one by the MCA bulletin board at the dam. These replace the old deteriorating Town Ordinance signs specifying the rules of lake use. Our thanks to Town Supervisor Roger Tidball and Dale Warner for this donation.