

# LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## Lake Carmi 2019 Fishing Contest

The fishing contest has begun, as of May 26. Make your plans to enter some of those categories; you can enter in Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, and Yellow Perch. The winners will be presented trophies, after the closing of the contest on Labor Day, September 3.

The contest is judged based on length and weight, with the official measures being done at the Franklin General Store. The lucky fisherman must fill out the entry form at the store. Possible championship fish should be photographed and emailed to newsletter editor Larry Myott with the information on your entry.

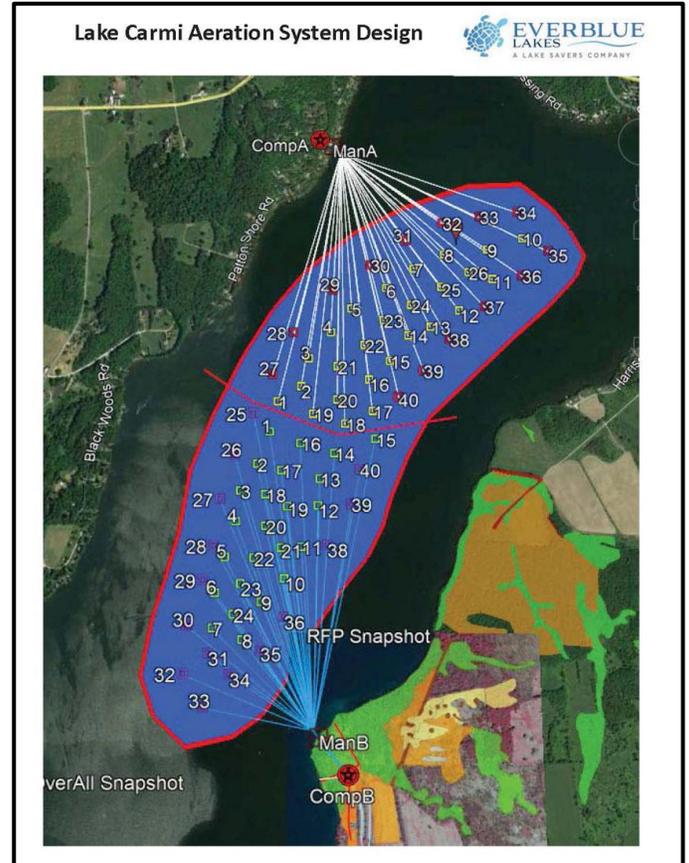


This photo is of Brian Irish of Hammond Shore Road with his entry from 2018, a nearly 28inch Walleye.

## Aeration System Coming in June

When some of the board members got back to the lake and were sitting at the Franklin General Store having coffee, another customer stopped by the table. It turns out it was the president of the company about to install our aeration system. John Tucci of the Michigan company, Everblue Lakes, is heading up the project. None of us had met him; we learned lots of detailed information about what is happening as they prepare to install the system in June.

The map in the next column shows the sites of the 80 aerator units to be installed in the deepest parts of Lake Carmi. The top part of the map shows the aerators installed and connected to a compressor near Patton Shore that will deliver air to those units. The bottom part of the map shows the same setup, with connections. These units will be placed on the bottom of the



deepest part of the lake, as mapped out.



The compressors will be housed on shore and operated by a 120-volt power source. The compressor system is housed outside, as shown but with a wooden fence around

it. There will be 80 of these aerator units as the map above shows. They will be connected to the compressors with more than 40 miles of tubing. The aerator units will sit of the bottom of the deepest part of the lake.

## Aeration and the Algal Community

within Lake Carmi by Emily Porter-Goff,  
Ph.D., Coordinator Franklin Watershed Committee.

Everyone is anxious for the big day when the new aerator is switched on, and oxygen is bubbled into the bottom layer of water of Lake Carmi. This has been a huge project, with years in the planning. It means changes to the aquatic ecosystem, but what exactly should we expect to see come late August this year, and how will we know the system is working?

To be able to identify success, we must first identify the original problem that we are trying to solve. The aeration system was the response to the public health risk potential posed by the frequent and persistent cyanobacterial (blue-green algae) blooms. The aeration system aims to reduce the intensity and duration of cyanobacterial blooms, thereby reducing the public health risk. It may not completely end the cyanobacterial blooms. Rather, a significant decrease in blooms, as observed over several year periods, would be considered a success. Bloom data has been tracked in Lake Carmi since 2012 and can be found at <http://www.healthvermont.gov/tracking/cyanobacteria-tracker>.

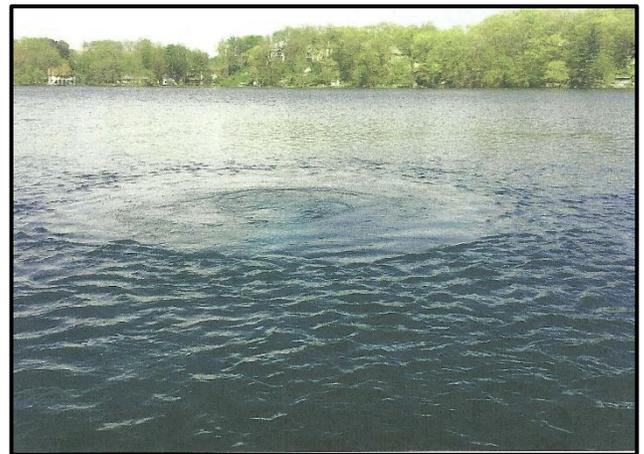
In a perfect world, aeration could be a silver bullet that would turn Lake Carmi into Caribbean blue water with a white sandy bottom. Core studies indicate that Lake Carmi has had a soft, squishy bottom and been home to a rich community of aquatic plants and other aquatic organisms for as long as people have been here. Aeration should have a very little direct effect on plant growth, although if fewer nutrients are taken up by algae, plant growth may increase as more nutrients become available to the plants.

There are many, many kinds of algae. Very few of them are harmful to human health. But algae are an essential part of a lake ecosystem. They are the start of the food web. A lake with no algae is a dead lake that supports no life. Aeration mixes the layers of the lake, making it harder for the potentially harmful cyanobacteria to form huge populations. A decline in cyanobacteria will allow populations of non-harmful types of algae to increase as there will be less competition for the same amount of nutrients. Aeration does not reduce the total amount of

nutrients available to plant life within the lake. You may see algae as slippery coatings on rocks or as dots in the water, or potentially as mats of wool-like algae floating on the water. All of these conditions are safe and can be found in completely natural conditions as well.

Will the water be clearer? That all depends on what organisms take advantage of these nutrients that are now available as the cyanobacteria no longer compete for them. We may not see much of a change in water clarity until there are fewer nutrients being added to the lake. With assistance from multiple partners, including the Franklin Watershed Committee and the agriculture community, we are actively adopting land use practices that reduce runoff of fertilizers and waste, thereby increasing soil health. We will see a nutrient reduction in the years to come that will reduce overall algal growth. For now, we can look forward to an increase in the amount of time we spend in and on this lake that we love.

*Note from the editor:* This is what the surface of the lake may look like above an aerator. It will make for a great habitat for fish to feed, grow, and be caught. In other lakes where systems like this have been installed, the fisheries have developed.



*Note from the editor:* This is what the surface of the lake may look like above each aerator unit. It will make a great habitat for fish to feed, grow, and get caught. In other lakes, where systems like this have been installed the fisheries have been greatly enhanced. The project is financed by the legislature of the State of Vermont for \$1.6 million. The development and construction of this project are being supervised by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation under the leadership of Perry Thomas, Ph.D. The success of this project in the Vermont legislature happened because of all the lobbying from water quality friends all over the State, but especially the work of LCCA, the Franklin Watershed Committee, the Franklin Selectboard, and town voters.

*Paid members are permitted a free classified ad in the five issues of the season. Merchandise ads are only for two issues unless renewed. Camp rental ads can run for the whole season, but if you have no more availability, please notify the editor to stop the ad.*

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**For Sale**, 9' Boat Hoist, asking \$500. Swimming raft available for free. Scott Choiniere 802.373.6458.

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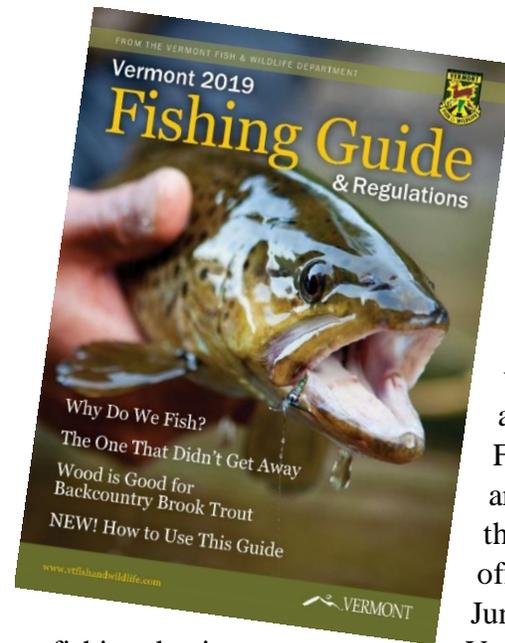
**Handyman**, North Country Maintenance, Henry Neuberger, 802.933.8958. No job to small, but no yard work. Free estimates.

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Due to unfortunate circumstances the planned July 27<sup>th</sup> Lake Carmi Cottage Tour has been cancelled. Hopefully it can be rescheduled for 2020. Volunteers are needed to host tours and continue the planning.

### **Fishing by the Rules**

This 2019 Vermont Fishing Guide is available at the Franklin Town Clerks office and the Franklin General Store. All the rules and regulations, including seasons for various species and more.



Fishing licenses are available at the Town Clerks office. Saturday, June 8, is a free Vermont, no

fishing day in license is required for that day only.

### **Another year of Checking Boats**

John McHugh, a resident of Shore Road, is once again going to serve as boat steward at the State boat launch on North Beach at Lake Carmi. John has been serving as north beach steward in the past and this year will be filling in at both locations, including the State Park boat launch. McHugh and his wife Aly spend their summers at the lake and most recently have been building a new cottage together.

Boats entering and leaving Lake Carmi are inspected, and any plants or animals attached to the boat or trailer are removed to help prevent the spread of invasive species. During the 2018 boating season over twenty invasive species were stopped through this program. Funding for the project is made possible by a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program.



**We need you as a member of the LCCA, Inc:**

*Become an LCCA member for the 2019 season. The dues are just \$50.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our lake in so many ways. Some are volunteers who help out wherever and whenever they are able; some are here to enjoy a week or more in this pristine setting. We only ask that you become a member of your association and do what you can. Your comments are always welcome, contact any of the directors, or send the editor your thoughts for sharing at your director's board meetings. Become an official member of the Lake Carmi community, send in your membership form, and dues check, payable to LCCA, Inc. to LCCA, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.*

*Please mail your check and this form to: **LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457***

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**Catie Bartone, AmeriCorps Volunteer**

Our newest AmeriCorps Volunteer arrived last fall. She has been working half time for the Franklin Watershed program and the Northwest Regional Planning office in St. Albans.

Catie grew up in Darien, CT, just outside Manhattan. She is a UVM graduate with a BS in Environmental Engineering. After graduating, she went to work for the NYC Department of Environmental Protection on wastewater infrastructure sites and bioremediation technologies. She longed for that Vermont lifestyle, however, and took a temp position with an environmental engineering firm.

The FWC position became available, and she was happy to come to Franklin County to replace



our former AmeriCorps who had to return home for a family emergency. Catie has the necessary skills to work in her dual position, very much

enjoying the work. She is shown here taking water samples in a brook coming into Lake Carmi. She says she is excited to be working for a cause rather than payment and is delighted to be applying her expertise to the issues of her jobs here.

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**LCCA Board of Directors Meetings**

Meeting during the summer will be held in FELCO room of the Franklin Homestead, all members are welcome to attend. Regular meeting are held each month, including June 22, July 20, August 24, and September 21. The Annual Meeting of the LCCA will be held at the Franklin United Church on Saturday, August 10, the annual meeting will be held following a Pot Luck Supper.

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## President Benevento Reports, June '19

It is not exactly the polar vortex, but it certainly isn't camp season weather either. Snow remained in the higher elevations as I drove north from Connecticut and it was only 39 degrees when I opened our front door. It was also raining.

To make matters worse, our heater had malfunctioned. How I long for that old wood burning stove! Nevertheless, there may be challenges opening camp each year, but the fact remains it always feels great to be back at the lake. And, it also feels good to back to business.

Engineers from *EverblueLakes* were working on my road as I drove to the cottage. *EverblueLakes* is the company contracted to install the aeration system. The infrastructure for its electrical power connection was being installed, and the site for the Patton Shore aeration compressor was prepared. The actual installation of the system in the lake will begin around June 10<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to have it operational in late June. A public information meeting with *EverblueLakes* will take place in July; it will be announced soon.

In our April Newsletter, I referenced the situation in south Florida where blue-green algae or cyanobacteria are menacing freshwater lakes and the ocean coasts. It's a very negative impact on both the health and economy of Floridians, resulting in plans to build a reservoir to capture the harmful nutrient runoff that fuels the algae blooms. It is called the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir Project.

President Trump recently visited the area where the reservoir is to be built pledging hundreds of millions of dollars to ensure its completion. The total storage project will cost more than a billion dollars. The South Florida Water Management District is charged with building the reservoir with a completion date in 2022. The reservoir is to be constructed on 550 acres. Albeit a much larger project, it certainly mirrors our Aeration Project as it shows the government coming to the aid of the environment. Incidentally, we have been told by *Everblue* that they have never seen a State agency more cooperative and driven to get the job done than VT DEC.

The Franklin Recreation Committee, with the LCCA assistance, will be holding a mini-

triathlon at the lake the morning of June 29<sup>th</sup>. The event will include a run, a bike ride, and a canoe-kayak race. All aspects of the triathlon will begin and end at the Town's North Beach. I encourage all of you and your family and friends visiting the lake for the week to participate. This is an excellent way to incorporate and showcase our beautiful lake into a town-wide event. Details will be provided soon.

It is also an excellent way to begin the Celebrate Lake Carmi week of events. Light up Lake Carmi, the Pontoon Boat Race, Pirate Raid and of course the spectacular fireworks display, will all be happening to make for a grand celebration and fun for all.

The LCCA membership drive is getting underway, so please take the time to complete the membership form, and send in your dues. Membership cards have been sent to those who have already paid.

The LCCA Board works year round for the lake; we are all volunteers. We have made tremendous progress for the lake in recent years, but none of it would be possible without your membership and steady support. Please renew your membership today, and if you know any non-members, please encourage them to become active members. Thank you.

That's it for now. I've used up my quota of space and don't want to be on my editor's short list. He has already taken me off the front page, which means I have to work to get back in his good graces. So I better stop. Have fun opening camp.



Despite the obstacles, it is one the most enjoyable and satisfying times of the season. Especially when, hopefully, everything comes together. See you around the lake!

*(Photo) President Peter Benevento of Patton Shore is shown here testifying before*

*a legislative committee on the status and health of Lake Carmi. He was only one of many who participated in getting the aeration system passed through the legislature.*

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## Lake Fisheries Report, October 2017

In the fall, some of us who are still here, have witnessed a strange phenomenon, at least to those of us seeing it. Very bright lights on a boat with a strange device on the front, seemingly catching fish. Several years ago, I went out to the water to find out what was going on. The



person who answered my question was a Vermont Fisheries Biologist who explained they were electrofishing. They were inventorying the fish by shocking them and bringing them up in the net device for processing, identifying, measuring, weighing, etc. We had never seen a report on that inventory until recently. Last fall LCCA president Pete Benevento received the summary report from October 2017.

Most importantly the report stated the fish populations are continuing to do well in Lake Carmi. Here is that summary as prepared by biologist Brian Chipman of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. We much appreciate this valuable information and look forward to regular followup information. (*Larry Myott*)

“Walleye continue to be the most abundant game fish in the survey with 133 of them collected, processed and released. Most of them were one year old, which was expected since there was an excellent hatch in 2016, resulting in a strong season hatch. Those fish should be growing into the harvestable 15 to 17-inch slot through (the 2018 summer). There were also good numbers of walleye from 19 to 24-inches. They did not see any young walleye in 2017; however, which suggests that the 2017 spawning did not do well. Luckily, this has been an infrequent event, as the last time the inventory didn’t show any young was in 2009.

“Smallmouth bass handled and processed numbered 106, 46 Largemouth bass. That is the most largemouth inventoried since they first appeared in 2007. Most of the largemouths were 4-6 inches in length (mainly two-year-olds), indication the population is still growing. The biggest largemouth was 16 ½ inches. Many of the smallmouth Bass collected were from 10 to 17 inches, as is usually the case.

“Forty-three northern pike were collected with many of them in the 24 to 30-inch range and one which measured 36 inches. The yellow perch are also doing well, as 552 were collected, which is over double the amount usually seen in these surveys. About half of the Perch were young of the current year or 1-year old (about 2 to 5 inches), growing an abundant food supply for predator fish. There was also a good portion of quality sized perch from 8 to 12 inches in the sample.

“One potential down-side to the fishery was the discovery of an established population of the invasive alewife in Lake Carmi, when a number of them died off back in December 2017. Alewives are not very tolerant of rapid changes in water temperature when it is very cold, such as when strong winds cool the water quickly, and that is why there are often early winter or early spring die-offs from time to time in northern waters where they have invaded. If they get overabundant, they can potentially affect reproduction of other species like walleye and yellow perch but intense feeding on the newly hatched fry of these species. Alewives have not been seen in the annual shoreline electrofishing

surveys, so a plan has been made for a different kind of inventory.”



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**Celebrate Lake Carmi 2019!**

Yes, it's the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> with activities galore. It all starts on Saturday, June 29, as *Light up Lake Carmi* makes us so bright at night. Bring your lights from home, or get your special lights ready to go. Christmas lights are great in so many formats. We have had as many as 80 or more lighted cottages so proud to decorate and make Lake Carmi Bright. Nobody has a special design, just bring what you got and develop your theme. Now's the time to plan and get ready for a fun time.

Also, on June 29 will be a new event, brought to us by the Franklin Recreation Committee. It's called "**Chase Around the Lake Triathlon**," all taking place around Lake Carmi. See the poster in this newsletter for the details and where to get answers to your questions. Competitors need to check in at 7 am, events start at 8 am. There will be a 5k Run, a Bike Race, and Kayak Race on the lake. Check-in and all events are at the North Beach at the lake. This event is sponsored by Wright's Excavating, Inc.

As usual, the big night at the lake will be July 3 (Wednesday) for the Pirate Raid (6:00 pm), the 6:30 Pontoon Boat Race, and of course, the huge fireworks show at 9:30.

The traditional pontoon race raffle will take place the night of the race with \$1,250 in cash prizes to the winners who pick the right teams as winners. There will be cash prizes for all five-boat

race teams. Tickets are available from directors and LCCA members on each shore. You can bet on one team for all five teams. Tickets cost \$5 for three

July 3, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

**Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc., Inc.**  
**Pontoon Boat Relay Race, 2019 \$1250 in Race Prizes**

- Westcott/Mullen Shores—Wildcats—Yellow Team  
Team Captain - Joe Craig
- Patton Shore/Blackwoods - Pirates—Red Team  
Team Captain Jim Piviroto
- Hammond Shore—Hammerheads—Blue Team  
Team Captain Jason Paquette
- Dewing/Camp Road Shores—Dueling Dolphins—Green Team  
Team Captain Lorraine Mercy
- Vic's Crossing/Shore Road/Kings Court—Vipers—Orange Team  
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tickets, buy as many as you want, but just make sure you have them turned in at the North Beach area by 5:30 pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

More details will be announced shortly, be on the lookout and plan for fun, 4<sup>th</sup> of July week.

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**Franklin Watershed Seminars Coming**

Titled: Homestead on the Hill, what's rolling down yours? This special multi-titled seminar will be hosted by Rob & Judy Cormier at their Hammond Homestead, 4181 State Park Road in Franklin on Sunday, June 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. RSVP by email to [hammondhousevt@gmail.com](mailto:hammondhousevt@gmail.com)

Seminar topics will include: **Homesteading, reducing your environmental footprint.** This will be an interactive workshop, where we share ideas on how to reduce a home's environmental impact. Rob & Judy are opening their beautiful homestead to share the many ways they reduce their footprint in the watershed.

**Innovative Septic Options:** Linda Patterson of Lake Champlain Sea Grant and a Lake Champlain Camp owner will share her experience with an innovative septic system from Advanced Onsite Service with Jared Willey.

**Aeration at Lake Carmi:** We'll hear from John Tucci of EverblueLake Solutions with the latest updates on the system currently being installed. This is a Q & A session.

## LCCA Board Openings

Yes, of course, the Board is knocking on your door again, seeking help with all the jobs the LCCA performs for the association. We are grateful for all the memberships and financial support, without which we could not exist. However, it also takes many volunteers to make our organization prosper and operate successfully. Your Board of Directors and many volunteers work tirelessly to plan events; advocate for and support clean water efforts; communicate with and collaborate with state and local officials, both informing and keeping abreast of events, local happenings, and just about all the news that's fit to print!

Our lake community is vibrant and alive. We have established a reputation that is envied by many. We are so fortunate to have a place where friends and family look forward to gathering together to enjoy all there is to offer in our community. Here is where you come in, we are looking for folks willing to dedicate themselves to continuing this important work. There are five directors on the LCCA board whose terms are expiring this year, and there is one director term that did not get filled last year, making six directorships available.

Please consider becoming part of this important cause as a Lake Carmi Campers Association board member. We need your ideas, time, and talents. This is a chance to make a difference and ensure what we have for future generations. Talk to us, as to how you can fit in and be a part of the LCCA leadership. Call president Peter Benevento at 802.285.6744 or email him a [peterben@gmail.com](mailto:peterben@gmail.com) or nominating committee chair Diane Larose at 802.285.6898, or email [lakecarmi@gmail.com](mailto:lakecarmi@gmail.com).

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# Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

On June 8, 2017, the Vermont Legislature enacted new rules regarding aquatic invasive species. The changes include the following:

**PROHIBITED SPECIES:** In addition to zebra mussels, quagga mussels, and all aquatic plants, the possession of rusty crayfish, Asian clam, spiny water flea, and fishhook water flea is *now prohibited*.

**VESSEL INSPECTIONS:** All watercraft operators are now required to inspect their own vessels and trailers and remove and dispose of all aquatic plants and aquatic invasive species prior to launching and upon leaving a state water.

**DRAINING OF VESSELS:** Prior to leaving state waters, all watercraft operators are now required to drain their vessels, trailers, and all other equipment of water, including water in live wells, ballast tanks, and bilge areas. When transporting vessels on the road, all drain plugs, bailers, valves, and other devices that are used to control the draining of water must be removed or placed in the open position. Bait buckets, water hauling, and emergency-response vehicles are exempted from this requirement.

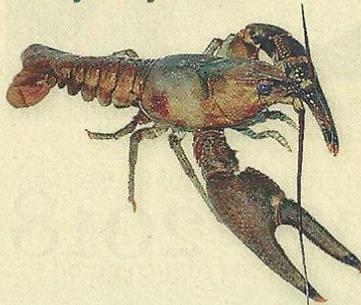
**MANDATORY BOAT INSPECTIONS:** Boat inspections are now mandatory whenever a Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) authorized inspection station is present, is open/staffed, and one's vessel is identified as requiring inspection. Refusing to comply with a mandatory inspection and decontamination is now considered a violation of state law.

*NOTE: the term "vessel" means any type of watercraft that can be used as a means of transportation on water, including boats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, personal watercraft, and so on.*

## Aquatic Invasive Species Identification

It is illegal to possess or transport the following aquatic invasive species found in Vermont:

### Rusty Crayfish



Jeff Gunderson, Minnesota Sea Grant

A new invasive crayfish species that can displace native crayfish and destroy aquatic habitat has been found in Vermont. Rusty crayfish can reach 5 inches in length and can be identified by dark reddish spots on either side of their shell and large, strong, smooth claws that can be a brownish-olive color or a reddish-brown color with black or orange tips.

### Alewife



North American Native Fishes Association

### Asian Clam



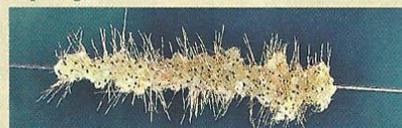
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### Eurasian Watermilfoil



Alison Fox, University of Florida, Bugwood.org

### Spiny Water Flea



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### Water Chestnut



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### Variable-Leaf Watermilfoil



Dennis Roberge, Courtesy of Maine VLMP

### Zebra Mussel



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Note:** Transporting any aquatic plant or aquatic plant part, zebra mussel, or quagga mussel on the outside of a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, trailer, or other equipment is illegal. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000.

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