



CRESCENT LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Hello from your CLWA Board,

We look forward to the summer season and encourage your continued support of our efforts to care for the lake. Without your financial contributions, nothing would be possible.

Our primary focus is; supporting the courtesy boat inspection (CBI) program; supporting the LakeSmart program; as well as, continued involvement with the 319 Grant; monitoring the lake for native plant identification and early detection of invasive plant colonies. To date, none have been found in Crescent.

The CBI program is the first line of defense in protecting the quality of our lakes by monitoring boats for invasive plants prior to entering the lake and promoting good boating practices. There are two revenue streams that fund this important program. One is from the State, managed by RWPA and the other is CLWA. Last year there were 486 hours of CBI boat coverage and greater than 500 boats entering the lake during those hours. Due to reduced State funding, CLWA's expected contribution will be in excess of \$2,500 this season to pay for the same boat launch coverage as in 2014.

A second critical line of defense against the spread of invasive plants is the team of volunteers known as the "Clippers". They monitor the shoreline identifying native plants and looking for any invasive plants. CLWA supports all these volunteers in their effort to monitor the Lake each summer. Please contact Lisa Hall at lhall002@maine.rr.com if you can participate in this program. This annual surveillance will allow early intervention should it be needed.

We also support our water quality monitors who have found that Crescent Lake's overall water quality trend is stable and satisfactory.

CLWA has been awarded a Phase II - 319 Grant. Please see the enclosed tri-fold brochure for further information on who to contact should you be interested in advice on how to make your property more lake friendly and potentially receive financial help.

We have a new and updated website that is kept current on watershed happenings. Please take the time to visit it and enter any comments you feel would be helpful.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting Cookout!

**ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, JULY 18TH AT 12 NOON
96 EDWARDS RD, CASCO
DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE PUBLIC BEACH**

Please plan on attending; it is always a good time!!

WEBSITE ADDRESS: CrescentLakeMaine.com

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Photo by Pam Bliss

LOONS IN APRIL ...

Why You Want to Be LakeSmart

The morning after ice-out dawned overcast and cold. I gazed out the windows at gunmetal grey water that looked as forbidding as the day. Then several loons swam into view, and I felt a shock of joy. They were hooting softly to one another, swiveling their heads and occasionally dipping them below the surface between dives. Were they patrolling their domain after a winter's absence? Assessing food stocks in their pantry? I wondered as I welcomed them back. passed out of sight in an instant, the moment lasted in my mind -- the lake and land. I was glad to see the modest blue and white sign of my lakeside trees. It said, **LakeSmart, Living lightly on the lake's sake**, and reminded me that caring for the land protects the home to these incomparable creatures. Following an ancient ritual, their birth lake each year to survive and thrive and raise the next their noble race. Let's not make life difficult for them. Let's keep healthy and clean by... **Doing No Harm.**



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Becoming LakeSmart isn't hard. It's largely about capturing rainfall, keeping it on land, and buffering the shore with plants. There are many ways to do this and the Crescent Lake Watershed Association has



trained volunteers who will come to your home and show you solutions for your exact needs. Our LakeSmart Coordinator is Nathan Kimble. Call him at 207-650-2487 and he'll schedule a visit with the LakeSmart volunteer. The volunteer will walk your property with you to make suggestions about how you can help us keep our lake healthy. There is no cost or obligation for this site visit. What you choose to do with their suggestions after the LakeSmart visit, is up to you. There may be matching funds available for qualified remediation projects.