

HELP WANTED – VOLUNTEERS TO DO COURTESY BOAT INSPECTIONS AT GOULD’S LANDING SUMMER OF 2023

We need your help to prevent introduction of invasive aquatic species into our lake. Inspections at the boat launch will be done during high use times including weekends and holidays. See Q&A below!

Questions and Answers re: Courtesy Boat Inspections

Would you like to volunteer to help with 2023 Courtesy Boat Inspections at Gould’s Landing?

Please contact Megan Hess Town of Orono (mhess@orono.org) or Rich Dressler Greater Pushaw Lake Association (marich5961@gmail.com)

What do courtesy boat inspectors, often called CBIs, do? As boaters launch and remove their boats from the water, CBIs:

- Staff the Gould’s Landing boat ramp during busy times (e.g., Weekends, Holidays) and collect data on boats inspected.
- Provide education and outreach to boaters on how invasive aquatic species (IAS) spread.
- Show boaters how to inspect boats and equipment for plant fragments, as well as drain bilge and live wells, to avoid transmission of invasive plant or animal aquatic species.
- Communicate with CBI Program Coordinator, Supervisor and other CBI volunteers as needed.
- Work with CBI Supervisor to enter inspection data digitally in Survey123 App.

Will training be provided? Yes, you will be provided with the necessary training to do the inspections as well as a CBI T-shirt, stickers, handouts, etc.

How many hours are required? Number of hours is up to you but will be scheduled in three hour shifts.



Why the concern about invasive species? Due to its accessibility, heavy recreational use, large surface area, and shallow depth, Pushaw Lake is ranked high by Maine Department of Environmental Protection on vulnerability to invasive infestation. Therefore, the threat of invasive aquatic plants (e.g. Variable Leaf Milfoil) is taken very seriously as an infestation would have a devastating impact to the region, local towns and lakeside landowners. Invasive aquatic plants grow in dense mats that out compete native plants and wildlife. Invasive aquatic plants entangle boat motor propellers, and interfere with swimming, fishing, and other types of water recreation. Infestations may also reduce property values by degrading water quality and recreational use of the lake. Infestations are costly and sometimes impossible to fully eradicate or manage.

Are CBI required by law? No – these inspections are entirely voluntary but strongly encouraged!

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!!

SUMMER 2023 JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) one position - *Town of Orono/Greater Pushaw Lake Assoc.*

Gould's Landing on Pushaw Lake: up to 10 hours/week including holidays and weekends for 14 weeks (June-August) \$15.00/hour.

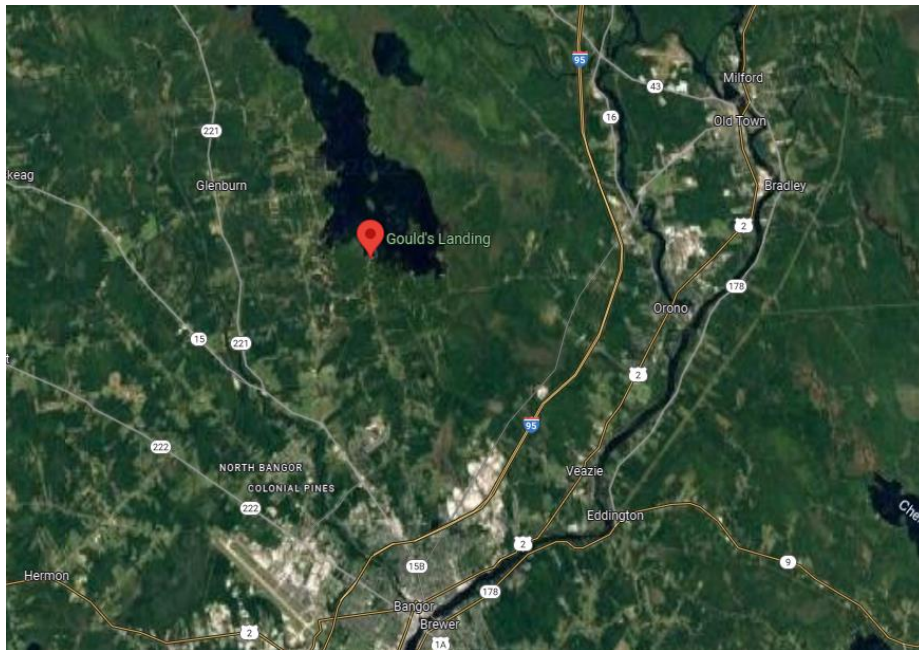
Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI) job duties:

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- Education and outreach to boaters on how invasive aquatic species (IAS) spread
- Show boaters how to inspect boats and equipment for invasive aquatic species
- Communicate with CBI program coordinator and other CBI volunteers
- Enter inspection data digitally in Survey123 App

CBI Intern will receive training prior to start plus a CBI T-shirt to wear during inspections.

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Pushaw Lake is an important economic, environmental, and recreational resource to the greater Bangor region and is ranked "high" (51) by DEP on vulnerability to invasive infestation. Due to Pushaw Lake's heavy recreational use, shallow depth, and high organic content, the threat of invasive aquatic plants is taken very seriously as an infestation would have a devastating impact to the region. The Town of Orono and Greater Pushaw Lake Association (GPLA) intend to reestablish a CBI program at Gould's Landing in recognition of the importance of being proactive in education and outreach of aquatic invasive species.

HELP PROTECT OUR BELOVED NATURAL RESOURCE