

July, August, and September 2020 Dive Summaries

July:

- 15 dives in over 45 hours of in or on-water work involving hand pulling Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), survey work, placing and removing bottom barrier. 8.5 hours of additional volunteer time doing similar work.
- Boat Captains - Lenny Boulanger (7 trips), Dennis Bond (6 trips) and Roger Cartee (1 trip).
- Diver and Boat Assistants – Ross Ogilvie, TJ Jackman, Tim Votapka.
- Highlights – Cleared several channels in front of camps along E. Salem Drive on the east shore of EWM so boats would not spread EWM fragments. Buoys were installed. Similar work was done at state boat access. A clear channel was marked with yellow buoys; Pulled barriers out of the lake from last season and installed them in numerous locations around the lake; EWM found in many new areas including Morgan section near Dumas Drive, Orcutt Brook (especially near two moored jet skis) and on NW shore near Birch Drive in 10-13' of water; Reinstalled several sections of barrier disturbed by swimmers off of a camp on E Salem Drive. We asked for their help in avoiding this area a bit longer and they agreed.

August:

- 7 dives in over 29.5 hours. 9.5 hours of additional volunteer time doing similar work.
- Boat Captains – Lenny B. (5 trips), Dennis B. (3 trips), Roger C. (1 trip).
- Diver and Boat Assistants – Tim Votapka, Ross Ogilvie.
- Highlights – Removed more barrier and relocated to new EWM site discoveries near Salem Drive and Birch Drives off the west/northwest shore; Another large patch of EWM was located and managed off south shore near Major's drive and Rt. 105.

September:

- 8 dives in over 23.5 hours plus 2 hours of additional volunteer work.
- Boat Captains – Lenny B. (3 trips), Dennis B. (3 trips), Roger C. (1 trip), Ed W. (2 trips).
- Highlights – final sweep of known EWM sites resulted in placement of more barrier and more EWM discoveries; Wind is becoming a factor limiting our ability to reach sites and stay anchored over them but very shallow water allows for excellent opportunities to survey lake; Add barrier at Buoys #036 and #041 in 2021; EWM removal needed at buoy #047; All buoys removed from lake save for #047 on NW shore. 9/24 - orange metal Buoy #038 by town beach appears to have been intentionally cut from its mooring. Last dive was on 9/28/20.

