

August 1, 2020 Newsletter

Hello,

Today, we held a Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) training session to learn how to identify EWM and how to remove it from the water and shoreline. Dave Blumer, our consultant, conducted the class at Ed Wink's dock and on pontoons at the EWM patch in the northwest corner of the west basin. There were eleven participants who were in the class. During the time on the dock, we found four floating fragments. All of them were close to shore and easily spotted when the observer can identify EWM. Dave said that monitoring the shoreline will be the most effective defense against the spread of EWM for the next three months. Just walk in the water along your shoreline along your property and you should be able to see plants growing in the water or fragments floating on the surface. We plan to apply for a permit again to treat when the conditions are more conducive to effective eradication of EWM, but in the meantime we must be vigilant about fragments in the lake because these fragments are how EWM propagates. While we were looking at the patch, it became obvious that there are many EWM plants beyond them. Mike Durand, Laurie Johnson, my son, and I put more markers out. Attached is a map that shows the area marked in red where the EWM is and where the markers are. Please stay well clear of the marker buoys so that your propeller does not clip off towering plants and spread fragments around the lake. If you see floating EWM fragments while on your ride around the lake, please take time to pull them from the lake and dispose of them on land far away from shore.

The following members attended the class today and, I sure, will be happy to help you identify EWM if you are not sure about a plant you find in the water: Russ and Laura Cragin, Mike Durand, Karin Birkeland, Lee Mitau, Kurt Schini, Rick Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Dan Wink, Julie Wink, and me. If you want EWM training, please let me know.

Attached are the minutes from our July 3rd meeting (Meeting minutes are on our website: <http://www.horseshoelake.org/>). I hope I captured the main points. If there are errors, please let me know.

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