

**Horseshoe Lake Newsletter**  
**October 30, 2022**

Good morning--

Attached is a list of things you can do to your lifts, docks, ramps or other items that were in the lake, and are now on shore, to help prevent invasive species from entering the lake. Having awareness of precautions you can perform helps keep the lake healthier, along with all of the care you take while using the lake in the summer. Ed Wink does such valuable and extensive investigation, planning, meeting, and organizing to have the lake surveyed, to identify milfoil patches, and to arrange for treatments. Part of this process includes the involvement by all property owners which has been so helpful.

Enjoy this bonus weather!

Laurie Johnson

Vice President

## **Check your equipment before storage**

Fall is here and recreational equipment is being removed from the water for the year. It is crucial everyone continues to take the proper steps to make sure all equipment is cleaned properly to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

The following steps should be made when taking equipment out of the water for winter storage:

1. Remove all plants, mud or other debris found on equipment that has been sitting in water such as dock posts, wheels, boats, motors, rafts, pontoons, kayaks and jet skis.
2. Spray all equipment (including live wells) with a hose or pressure washer. This will help get unwanted invasive species that are hanging on tight or that you can't see.
3. Spray down your equipment with a bleach/water solution, including the inside of live wells. One tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water will kill unseen hitchhikers. This small amount of solution won't harm paint or decals.
4. Drain all water.
5. Talk to your own service provider and neighbors about taking these steps.

If you find something suspicious, take a picture, bag it and contact Lisa Burns, Conservation Coordinator at 715-468-4654 or [lburns@co.washburn.wi.us](mailto:lburns@co.washburn.wi.us)

