



Bay Lake Improvement Association
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Dear Bay Lakers,

As part of the Bay Lake Improvement Association's efforts to fight **EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL** and to **KEEP ZEBRA MUSSELS OUT OF BAY LAKE** we need your help!

Because it is difficult for the divers surface and underwater survey to see every bit of shoreline in their searches I am writing to ask everyone who can, to check your shoreline and around your docks between now and this Labor Day weekend for signs of Eurasian Watermilfoil. I was not able to get EWM ID Cards this year (they were out of stock but there is a copy of it on the Bay Lake web site) but did include a zebra mussel ID card and post card for you to return letting us know what you found.

- **Check around your dock, lifts and boats. Move your boats so you can see under them. If you find EWM around your docks and it's a problem remove what you can and dispose of it on shore.**
- **Walk your shoreline and look in the shallows for any signs of EWM.**
- **If you find what you think is EWM:**
 - ◇ **Take a sample in a plastic bag with a little water marked with your name and details of where you found it to Hansen's Store.**
 - ◇ **Return the postcard with the details of what you found. In addition you may also call 612-237-1827 or email photos and details to davidd953@msn.com Please be sure to give as many details as possible along with your name, Address, phone & fire number.**
- **If you found nothing, please return the enclosed post card to let us know that your shore was checked. We need to have some idea of the areas searched.**
- **Zebra mussels are a new threat to keep watching for signs of. Please inspect your docks and boat lifts when you take them out this fall for any signs of Zebra mussels. I am including a Zebra Mussel ID card for your reference. There is Zebra mussel and EWM ID information on the BLIA web site at the following link <http://www.baylake.org/>**

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

David Devins
Aquatic Plant Management Committee

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