August 24, 2012

Dear Bay Lakers,

As part of the Bay Lake Improvement Association’s efforts to fight EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL and 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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