

Spring 2025 Newsletter

We made it through another winter and *LAKE SEASON* will be here before we know it! MRPG has been **hard** at work. Here's what we have going on for **YOU**:

Events

All are welcome and we encourage new attendees!

Monthly Meetings- second Tuesday of every month, 7PM at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club

Picnic- Saturday June 21st, 4PM at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club, Rain or Shine

Annual Meeting- Sunday July 13th 10AM at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club

Boat Parade- Saturday August 23rd, 12PM, Upper and Lower Boat Launches, Rain Date 8/24/25
Award ceremony to follow at the Town Beach Pavillion
Wayne's Wings & Things food truck will be onsite with food available for purchase.

Invasive Weed Mitigation

Eco-Harvester

2024 was a tough year for the Eco-harvester as it was down with mechanical issues more than it was put to work. We know this disappointed many of you, but there was no one more disappointed than us. We are aware the Eco-harvester isn't perfect. The Pros- loads of weeds are being removed immediately during each operation, it's eco-friendly and cost efficient as compared to chemical treatments. The Cons- dedicated volunteers are hard to come by, the process is time consuming and needs to be repeated quite often. For **2025 we will be back up and running** with a new motor. ***It's a critical time for new volunteers to join the operations subcommittee. It's also a critical time for donors to consider giving to MRPG as gasoline and maintenance costs for the Eco-Harvester add up each year.***

Join us Tuesday May 13th at 6PM to help us plan for the upcoming weed harvesting season.

Triploid Grass Carp

We are in communication with the State of CT regarding the process of introducing grass carp into the lake as an additional method to eradicate the invasive weeds. We are still in the beginning stages of this process.

Resident Initiatives

Lake Drawdown

We have submitted the permit with hopes of securing a permit for a November drawdown. It is our intent to submit this permit on an annual basis. Lakefront owners can use this period to repair waterfronts and retaining walls. Also, in periods of deep freeze it may help kill invasive weeds closer to the shoreline.

Wake Boats

We have joined Bashan Lake in signing a letter to the Town of East Haddam requesting a wake boat ban. Wake boat bans are occurring on various bodies of water throughout the U.S. as the boats are said to cause rapid erosion of shorelines and stir up plant life on the lake bottom which can increase the spread of invasive weeds and cause algae blooms. Wake boats are to operate 200ft from shore and at a depth of at least 20ft, which our lake doesn't provide for. We felt it was in the lake's best interest to join this initiative because if Bashan Lake alone bans these boats, we are the next closest body of water for the boats to relocate to. Town meetings will occur this spring/summer to come to a decision on this issue. Check out our Facebook post from 9/29/24 for Jim Lindner's article on wake boats.

Safe Boating Certificate Classes

For the last two years we have hosted CT's boater safety course with both sessions at maximum capacity. We are currently working to secure a date for this summer and get more boaters out on the water. We will notify you once a date is secured.

Safety

Board member Jim Lindner reached out to the State of CT regarding the unsafe conditions at the Upper Reservoir Boat Launch and necessary repairs. We are awaiting a response.

Keeping You Up -To-Date

CT removed the AIS \$5 fee as part of your boat registration. Boat operators must now use DEEP's website to acquire a personal AIS Stamp (\$7 per operator) or boat decal (\$25 per boat).



WE NEED YOU...

We appreciate your support over the years. We are continually assessing lake conditions, working on new initiatives and striving to preserve and protect our lake. We are making it our priority to keep in touch and be transparent with you.



At this time, we have an urgent need for volunteers and members. There are numerous projects in the pipeline that need your support. Can you spare a few hours a month? Yes, we need volunteers to operate the eco-harvester, truck and trailer but we also need volunteers for so much more...

- Scheduling and mapping for the eco-harvester
- Maintaining mailing and member lists
- Writing letters, newsletters, emails and news articles
- Working with Town and State leaders
- Grant sourcing and applications
- Applications and Permits
- Researching weed control options
- And many more ideas to come...

The more volunteers we have, the more we can do for you and the Moodus Reservoir!

If you are interested email MRPG President Dave Shelberg at dshelberg@jpnconstructionllc.com or stop by the next meeting.

Other Ways You Can Help

<p>Become a Member</p> <p>Memberships run July 1st - June 30th. Only \$25 per household.</p> <p>Scan QR Code to pay via PayPal</p>  <p>Your \$25 can help us buy gas for the eco-harvester, cover costs for the lake drawdown or sponsor events.</p>	<p>Donate</p> <p>We are a 501(c)(3) Tax Deductible Organization</p> <p>Scan QR Code to pay via PayPal</p>  <p>Or Mail a check to PO Box 301 Moodus, CT 06469</p>
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Buy Our Merch

T-Shirts, men's polos and hats are available. Send us a message for more information!

Spread the Word

Have new neighbors? Let them know about our group. Like what you see? Share our Facebook posts.

Resources

Why drawdown a Lake? <https://blog.lakefrontliving.com/why-drawdown-a-lake/>

The Wake Boat Problem <https://www.outdoorlife.com/conservation/wake-surfing-controversy/>

Wake Boat Video https://youtu.be/F_Bny5xqLRQ

DEEP's Grass Carp Recommendations https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general_information/CarpMaterialspdf.pdf

CT AIS Grant <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/business-and-financial-assistance/grants-financial-assistance/grants-for-the-control-of-aquatic-invasive-species>

Reminders

- *Boat registrations expire April 30th, be sure to register your boat for the upcoming season.*
- *Lifejackets are required to be worn by all adults on vessels through 5/31/25.*
- *As you begin outdoor spring cleanup, please avoid blowing leaves and debris into the lake.*
- *Be sure to rinse off your boat thoroughly prior to launching it into the lake this spring.*
- *Please avoid using pesticides and fertilizers that may runoff into the lake as it may help spread weed growth.*
- **Check out our Facebook for up-to-date information on events and ongoing projects**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE SPAGHETTI DINNER ON MARCH 1ST.

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