

Laurel Lake Association

Lake Host Program

2025 Annual Report – Executive Summary

Laurel Lake is a clear, spring-fed lake covering about 180 acres and located in the town of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. The lake is served by a public boat ramp located at its southern end. The Laurel Lake community is supported by the Laurel Lake Association (LLA) which was established to promote a closer relationship among lake users, to foster beneficial lake-related initiatives, and to support the overall environmental health of the lake. The Lake Host program is one such environmental wellness program for which LLA partners with NH LAKES for the purpose of conducting seasonal lake hosting and watercraft inspections at its boat ramp. This program is jointly funded by an annual NH LAKES grant and a matching LLA allocation and is administered by way of both paid and volunteer Lake Host inspectors. The Lake Host program is a first line of defense against the introduction of aquatic invasive species (AIS) into Laurel Lake and as a way of greeting lake visitors.

The 2025 Lake Host program at Laurel Lake met desired targets for the year including the NH LAKES volunteer match amount. The program was principally funded by a \$900 funding carryover and \$1950 annual grant from NH LAKES, a \$500 contribution from the Laurel Lake Association, and \$1450 in local business sponsorship and program-specific charitable giving. Program funding supported paid lake host coverage over the Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day holiday weekends as well as approximately 18 hours per week of coverage between May 17 and September 1. Mason Hill served as the 2025 paid Lake Host and was paid at the state average for this position as reported by NH LAKES. Paid Lake Host hours, in combination with volunteer hosting, contributed to 364 total ramp hours and 323 total inspections for the season. 2025 total ramp hours were slightly higher and total inspection numbers were slightly lower than 2024, making this the second year in a row for that trend. No suspect weed specimens were observed or removed from entering boats or trailers during paid and volunteer Lake Host inspection hours during this season. This continues to suggest that there is considerable compliance to NH's "Clean. Drain. Dry." law by boating visitors to Laurel Lake. There were eight(8) lake host "saves" state-wide as reported by NH LAKES during the 2025 season. Our local business sponsorship effort for the Lake Host program this year yielded two 3-year and one 1-year sponsorships from our 2024 original three business partners: KG Performance Solutions (3yr), Flavor Smart Beverage Group (3yr), and Tri-City Marine Sales (1yr). Much appreciation is given to our 2025 Lake Host volunteers: Phil Strahan, Denis Guenette, Tom White, Kerry Shrives, Nancy Fey-Yensan, Terry Manley, and Teri Chavira.

Respectfully Submitted By: Chip Yensan, Lake Host Local Coordinator, December 19, 2025



2025 Lake Host Program Boater Survey Report
Laurel Lake Association

Survey Results		Percent of total inspections
Boat Type	Non-Motor	126
	Motor	197
	Motorboats with Ballast	1
State of Boat Registration	NH	157
	MA	18
	ME	0
	VT	7
	CT	5
	NY	1
	Other	2
Prevention Measures Taken	Cleaned	194
	Drained	195
	Dry	194
Total Arriving		196
Total Departing		127
Total Inspections:		323

Inspections by Time Block								
	4:00am-6:00am	6:00am-8:00am	8:00am-10:00am	10:00am-12:00pm	12:00pm-2:00pm	2:00pm-4:00pm	4:00pm-6:00pm	6:00pm-8:00pm
Sunday	0	0	1	31	27	26	5	0
Monday	0	0	0	2	1	8	3	0
Tuesday	0	0	0	2	2	11	3	0
Wednesday	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	22
Thursday	0	0	8	1	1	14	6	0
Friday	0	0	16	17	5	4	11	1
Saturday	0	0	13	14	27	19	10	0

Boater Activity	
Fishing	0
Recreation	0
General Recreation	0
Maintenance	0
Research	0

Commitment Question*	
Yes	257
No	9
Previously Committed	4
Not Asked	45

Has Boater Previously Interacted with a Lake Host?	
Yes	235
No	44
Not Asked	36

*Will the boater Clean, Drain, and Dry even when a Lake Host is not present?

Note: Variations in data collection can influence outcome measures. Categories may not add up to 100%, or reflect the amount of total inspections, due to these variations.