



Hydrilla Hunter Happenings



August 3, 2018

Dave's Team has set up 40+ hydrilla i.d. kit dispensers around Cayuga Lake



About five years back, Dave Heck and wife Joyce of Lansing saw that we were not reaching enough lake boaters with information about how to prevent the spread of hydrilla. They explored the roads down to the lake – around its 92 mile circumference – and set up info dispensers at parks, restaurants, boat launches, and marinas.

This year, Dave made calls and paid visits, and members of Dave's Team set up the dispensers. Right now, Tom Casella has the north end, Jenn Grillo Tufano the northeast shoreline, Hilary Lambert south to King Ferry, and Dave is covering the Lansing waterfront. We will set up NEW dispensers next week around the south end with the help of several people. (Photo: Jenn Grillo Tufano & Carly Siege install a hydrilla info dispenser at Cayuga Marina Outfitters, near Mud Lock at the lake's north end).

We are seeking volunteers to help replenish the i.d. kit supply at sites from Treman Marina north to the Sheldrake area, from now to the end of October. Takes about one hour per week, with driving. Contact us at programs@cayugalake.org.

Lake rake trainings: August 18 & 25

As of mid-late July, hydrilla plants reached the lake's surface and are spreading out. This is THE time, from now to when the water gets cold (as late as November) to regularly check off a dock/from a boat to see if hydrilla has emerged. A lake rake is a handy tool for harvesting lake plants from dock or boat. If you find hydrilla, submit a report at www.stophydrilla.org.

Contact us for instructions on how to make a lake rake (need two rake heads and sturdy cord): programs@cayugalake.org

OR attend a Lake Rake workshop:

- **Sat. August 18, 10 am–noon Stewart Park at the pier (Ithaca);**
- **Sat. August 25 1-3 pm Cayuga Lake State Park just south of the boat launch area (Seneca Falls).**
- **RSVP to programs@cayugalake.org . Modest donations encouraged to help pay for materials. Kids are welcome.**

More information about hydrilla at the lake's south end, via Tompkins County Cooperative Extension: www.stophydrilla.org

More information about hydrilla offshore of Aurora, east shore, via Cayuga County Dept. of Environmental Health: <http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Hydrilla>

More ways to help

- Would you help us maintain hydrilla information dispensers around Cayuga Lake?
- Want to be added to our list of e-subscribers (free) for our *Hydrilla Hunter Happenings* newsletter?
- Want a Hydrilla Hunter info and i.d. kit (free)?
- **Contact:** Jenn Grillo Tufano programs@cayugalake.org

Who We Are The Hydrilla Hunters is an informal group of Cayuga Lake area residents and visitors working together to prevent takeover of our lake and creeks by the aquatic invasive plant, *Hydrilla verticillata*. We want to find hydrilla early, so that minimal or no chemicals are needed to remove it. This one-page newsletter provides summaries of information about hydrilla locations and eradication programs on Cayuga Lake. Watch for us every week to ten days through October 2018.

We work with Finger Lakes Institute, Finger Lakes PRISM, US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo office; Seneca, Cayuga and Tompkins County public agencies, Intermunicipal Organization of the Cayuga Lake Watershed, the Community Science Institute, Discover Cayuga Lake (aka the Floating Classroom), CLEAN (Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now) – and others.

Join the Hydrilla Hunters:

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