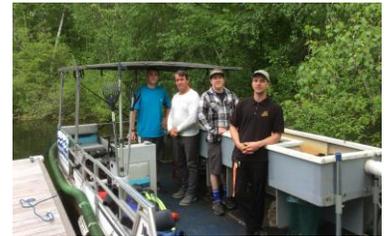


Was '19 a Good Year?

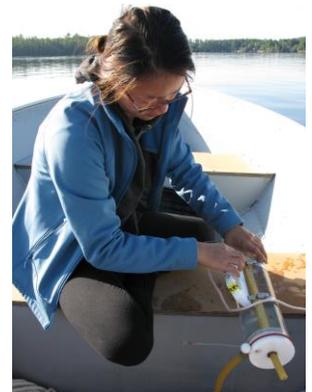
For RWPA, 2019 was indeed a good year! Thanks to the support of our members, the Town of Raymond, and many dedicated volunteers, as well as Maine DEP, we were able to make good progress on a number of fronts:

Our DASH crew cleared over 13,000 square feet of bottom area of invasive milfoil in Sebago Lake and the Jordan River (Panther Run.) In the process, they removed *the last two remaining stands of old-growth milfoil*, opening up those areas to boating, fishing, and swimming for the first time in decades. There's still much to be done – remaining roots, seeds, and floating fragments from the open lake will undoubtedly cause some regrowth; but we have now done a first treatment of *all* of the milfoil patches that have grown up in the Raymond area for the last half-century.



Our Courtesy Boat Inspectors and volunteers greeted boats at Raymond's public ramps, checking for invasive plants and educating boaters on the need to inspect their own boats, trailers, and gear when inspectors are not on duty. In over 1300 hours of work, they inspected 4122 boats at 4 launch sites, finding 11 plant fragments. In a first for RWPA, none of those plant fragments was invasive. The low number of plant finds is a tribute to our presence at the boat ramps, our prior years of advocacy and education, and the work of the DASH crew in removing the sources of milfoil infestation in the Raymond region of Jordan Bay and Dingley Brook.

We assisted PPA by taking multi-level water samples at several times of year to continue the study of phosphorus levels in Panther Pond.





In the absence of an active lake association at Raymond Pond, we took regular Secchi disk readings there to keep up the stream of historical water clarity data for that lake.

We responded to 6 requests for recommendations from property owners concerned about soil erosion, phosphorus contamination, or possible milfoil growth at their waterfront lots.



Also, we made donations to support Maine Lake Stewards (formerly VLMP) to support their efforts to locate and eradicate invasive water plants, and to educate local residents to help in the battle; and to support RFRA in support of Raymond's Fire and Rescue services.

Your participation is vital to keeping RWPA on the job, serving the people of the Town of Raymond. You can help by:

- Joining RWPA, or renewing your membership.**
- Volunteering to become a Courtesy Boat Inspector for those times when we don't have enough inspectors available (especially around Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.)**
- Joining the Board of RWPA. Many of our directors are aging out, and we need fresh energy and new ideas to take us into the future.**

Check this Website for more information. Drop us a line at info@raymondwaterways.org

Donations can be sent to RWPA at PO Box 1243, Raymond, ME 04071
or by credit card at this Website – check the home page for details.