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LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION RELEASES 2009 LAKE GEORGE LAKE STEWARD PROGRAM REPORT

Lake George, NY - The LGA has released its report on the 2009 Lake George Lake Steward Program. This is the second summer that LGA Director of Education Emily DeBolt has coordinated this program. "There are some interesting consistencies in the data from this year compared to last," said DeBolt. "The same 4 invasive species were removed from boats, and a similar percentage of samples were invasive. A number of the most common waterbodies previously visited by boaters was the same as well." Overall, the stewards had 75 'saves', removing a total of 75 samples of invasive species from boats. This was just a little under half of all the samples removed. One boat that was launching at Rogers Rock in August had just been in the Cayuga Canal within the past 2 weeks, and the steward on duty removed 3 different invasive species from the one boat. Of the 3,886 boats that the stewards inspected at the launches this summer, 553 had been in a body of water other than Lake George within the last 2 weeks, making the 'at risk' for transporting aquatic hitchhikers. "We had another great season of the program this summer," said DeBolt. "I have been contacted by a number of area lakes that want to know more about our program and how we do it. The word is really starting to spread. Education and spread prevention are the best tools we have in the toolbox to deal with invasive species. Programs like the Lake Stewards are really our first line of defense." The full 2009 program report is available online at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

The LGA is a not-for-profit membership organization of people interested in working together to protect, conserve, and improve the beauty and quality of the Lake George Basin. Interested in becoming an LGA member? Contact the LGA at (518) 668-3558 or check out LGA on the web at www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.