

BLIMP Newsletter

October 2025

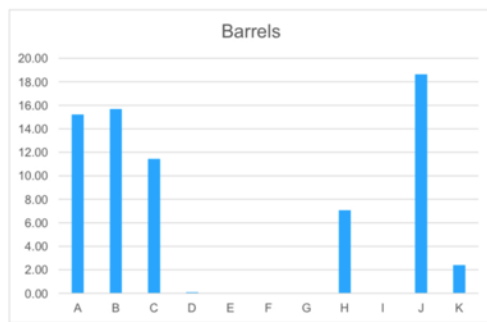
Invasive Plant Harvesting Operations

Aqualogic was back on Balch Lake for the first few weeks of September 2025. Below are the total results for the 2025 season.



BLIMP-2025-Milfoil harvest data-zone

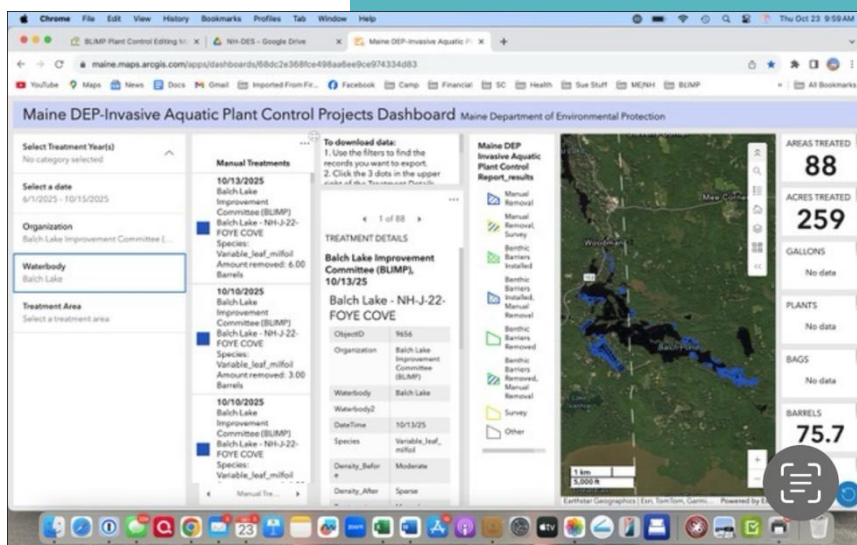
Zone	Barrels	State Sub	State %	
A	15.21			
B	15.69			
C	11.44			
D	0.10	42.44	60.16%	Maine
E	0.00			
F	0.00			
G	0.00			
H	7.07			
I	0.00			
J	18.63			
K	2.40	28.10	39.84%	New Hampshire
	70.54			



BLIMP MAP LOCATIONS

Revised: 07/08/25

ZONE	STATE	LOCATION
A	ME	ME-A-01-DAM
A	ME	ME-A-02-CHANNEL
A	ME	ME-A-03-STODDARD NARROWS
A	ME	ME-A-04-RODGERS COVE
B	ME	ME-B-05-SUNSET BEACH
B	ME	ME-B-07-MCVAUGH COVE
B	ME	ME-B-27-THE RIDGE-EAST
C	ME	ME-C-06-CARLBERG COVE
C	ME	ME-C-09-SHEPARD'S ISLAND CAUSEWAY
C	ME	ME-C-10-SMITH COVE
C	ME	ME-C-25-GREEN BAY
C	ME	ME-C-26-THE RIDGE-MIDWAY
C	ME	ME-C-28-THE RIDGE-WEST
D	ME	ME-D-08-PICKEREL COVE
D	NH	ME-D-10-WHITEHOUSE COVE
E	NH	NH-E-11-WYMAN COVE-EAST
E	NH	NH-E-12-WYMAN COVE-WEST
E	NH	NH-E-13-WYMAN COVE-MOUTH
F	NH	NH-F-14-PIZZA HUT COVE
G	NH	NH-G-16-CHANNEL-NO WAKE ZONE
G	NH	NH-G-18-PINE ISLAND SHORE
G	NH	NH-G-19-FLOATING ISLANDS
H	NH	NH-H-17-JENNIFER LANE
H	NH	NH-H-20-STUMP POND
I	NH	NH-I-21-RIVER
J	NH	NH-J-22-FOYE COVE TO PINE ISLAND
K	NH	NH-J-24-WURM COVE
K	NH	NH-K-15-PERRAULT COVE
K	NH	NH-K-23-LOON COVE



To view results at any time, visit maine.maps.arcgis.com.

See the image above for the correct drop downs selections to obtain Balch Lake results.

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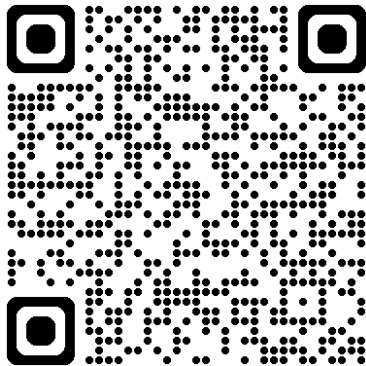
2026 Calendars

We still have Balch Lake 2026 Calendars available to purchase.

\$20 each. They make great holiday gifts.

Contact Michael Moscaritolo to get your copy today:

michaelmoscaritolo@gmail.com or you can visit Balch Lake FB page and can message Michael directly. Below is the QR code to the FB page



Mark your calendars to join in the fun events that help raise funds for BLIMP and get the lake community together



Use the above QR code to make donations directly to BLIMP. *When making donations, please include your lake association in the notes.*

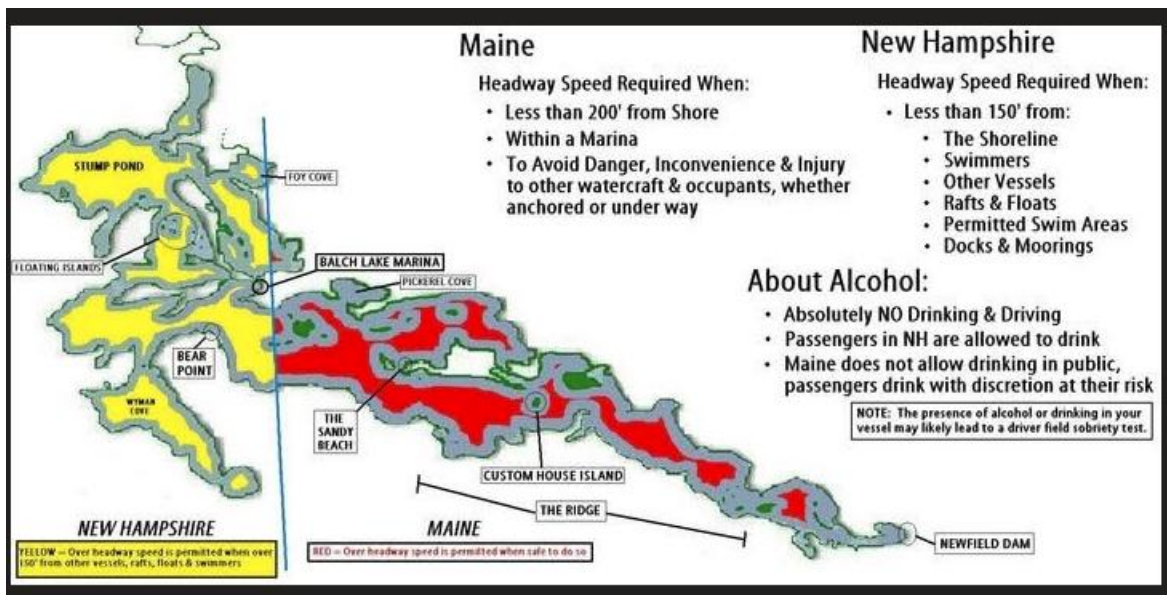
Balch Lake Dam Keeping

Please note that the dam is managed by the Town of Newfield so if you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to the Town at 207-793-4348. *According to the Dam keeper, Bruce Colwell, the dam has been open since Tuesday 10/14/25 to begin lowering the water levels for the winter season. The target is to lower the lake by 3-4 feet.*

Water Quality Results

Hot off the press! The results of our October chemical monitoring tests just came through last week. Once again, none of the 200+ chemicals tested were detectable using the most sophisticated analytical methods available at SGS/Katahdin Analytics, a Maine EPA-certified laboratory located in Scarborough. Our bi-annual monitoring program examines several different classes of potential pollutants, in both July and October and includes heavy metals, “forever chemicals”, gas and oil compounds, pesticides, and herbicides. This program has been in place since July 2023, and all the tested pollutants have been undetectable in Balch Lake since the program’s inception.

Monitoring potential chemical pollutants is one arm of BLIMP’s efforts to assess the quality of our lake water. The second arm is carried out in collaboration with UNH scientists. As highlighted in last month’s Newsletter, bi-weekly water samples are collected from May through September and analyzed at UNH for chlorophyll content, phosphate levels, color, and transparency. This year, cyanobacteria testing was added to the list late in the season. The data will be available in late 2025/early 2026—keep an eye out in a future edition of this Newsletter for the results.



A friendly reminder of the Headway Speed laws for Balch Lake.

BLIMP- Loon Preservation

As you know, the male loon of the only breeding pair on the lake was tragically killed in late July this year. Working with the Loon Preservation Committee and wildlife experts at Tufts University Veterinary School, the preliminary cause of death has been determined to be severe blunt force trauma, most likely the result of a boat strike. Further studies are underway to more definitively determine the cause of death, including toxicology work-ups of tissue, blood and fluid. The results are expected in the next 6-8 weeks. BLIMP appreciates the efforts of the LPC and Tufts, which is carrying out the necropsy and toxicology studies *pro bono*.

BLIMP- Reporting Invasive Species on Balch Lake

Milfoil identification – if you suspect you have milfoil or other invasive species near your camp please reach out to your Association BLIMP Representative (see your association contact on the next page) and provide them the following information: your name and a picture of your camp taken from the lake. The Association BLIMP Representative will collect all the information for their respective association and coordinate with Tom Eichner to get it properly reported to AquaLogic for removal.

Contact Information

BLIMP Association contact list - 2025

last updated: 07/17/2025

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We continue to work with all the associations around the lake to identify the BLIMP Representatives. Please contact Donna Lefebvre @don_ox@yahoo.com to update the information for your association.

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