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Mandatory Boat Washing Program in the Works for Blue Sea and Messines

Since last fall, the Blue Sea Watershed Association, has been working with the municipalities of Blue Sea and Messines to launch a pilot mandatory boat washing system this summer. Our lakes risk being contaminated by zebra mussels, the spiny water flea, water chestnuts and other aquatic invasive species, which could be introduced by unwashed boats.

Both municipalities have notified their councils that a regulation to support mandatory boat washing will be discussed at their next meeting in early June.

This is terrific news and we encourage all members to contact their councilors and mayor to voice strong support for this initiative. The program would be free to taxpayers in both municipalities.

As soon as we have the results of the municipal councils deliberations and vote on the proposed regulation we will inform you of all of the details.

You can contact your elected official through the municipal web sites:

- Blue Sea: www.blueseas.ca/en/comment_rejoindre_la_municipalite_de_blue_sea.php
- Messines: www.messines.ca/index.php/en/the-council/elected-officials

Association Launches 2017 Membership Campaign

The Association recently launched its 2017 membership campaign. We wish to thank the more than 300 members who paid their dues in 2016. We invite you all to renew your membership again this year. We also invite other watershed residents and cottagers to join our Association and help us preserve and protect our fragile lakes and waterways for future generations.

A membership to the Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association cost only \$20 per year and is a great way to show your commitment to the health of our waterways. It is easy to become a member. Just click the « Registration » tab on our website and follow the prompts. Or, complete the form that was sent to all past members for whom we have an address.

AGM: Mark Your Calendar

This year, our Annual General Meeting will take place at the church in Blue Sea, the morning of Saturday, July 15th. Details will follow. For now, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.