

2019 ZEBRA MUSSEL INFORMATION

The Zebra Mussel monitors asked each person who launched a boat in Stockbridge Bowl where the boat has last been and how it was cleaned.

We assumed all boats from other states, Laurel Lake in Lee and the Housatonic River south of Lenox had been in contaminated water. They all needed to be properly cleaned by an approved method. If they were not cleaned, we washed them at our boat wash.

Boats came from the following waters in New York and Connecticut:

New York Waters

Lake George	Hudson River	Grafton Pond	Queechy Lake
Normanskill Creek		Round Lake	Kinderhook Lake
Finger Lakes	Trout Lake		

Connecticut Waters

Twin Lakes	Conn. River	Coventry Lake	Bigaloe Hollow
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Willamantic River

Other places r from which they came were Florida, Vermont, Atlantic Ocean, New Jersey New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. There were fewer boats from outside MA this year.

On the following pages, you will find data showing the number and type of craft entering the lake. There is also data listing the number of cars from the 5 closest towns. Lenox boaters use the lake the most. However, Canyon Ranch and Arcadian Shop boats are considered Lenox boats.

It is awesome to note that once again Stockbridge Bowl is free of zebra mussels.

COMPARISON OF BOAT DATA FROM 2013 THROUGH 2019

BOAT TYPE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
KAYAK	3909	4073	4334	4246	4261	4345	3874
CANOE	1037	1141	768	752	752	524	658
SUP (Paddle Board)	727	868	1268	1554	1053	1271	1319
SCULL	44	62	40	64	74	32	35
SAILBOAT	28	38	30	32	19	25	26
ROWBOAT	4	7	6	26	10	4	7
MOTOR BOAT	703	662	682	533	564	468	477
JOSH RACE	505	504	486	443	437	Richmond	384
TOTALS	6909	7375	7615	7681	7152	5990	6780

2019 had fewer boats on Stockbridge Bowl than any other year since we have been recording data.

All categories of boats were down except SUPS. Canoes and motor boats were very low. There seemed to be about the same number of fishing boats but much fewer recreational (speed) boats. Pontoon boats mostly were owned by people who lived on the lake.

Weather was a factor, as we had many windy days and cloudy cool weather early in the season.

WE were glad to welcome the Josh Billings Race back to our lake. It makes August and September fun.

We are also glad there was no cyanobacterial bloom this summer.

There was a total 6780 boats put into the Bowl at the boat ramp. The only year with fewer was 2018.

That year the lake was closed in September and October because of the algal bloom.

Comparing Boat Data

We monitored all boats that entered the Stockbridge Bowl by type of craft. On the following pages, you will find the daily tally sheets.

CRAFT ENTERING STOCKBRIDGE BOWL SUMMER OF 2019

Boat Type	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	TOTAL
KAYAK	121	761	1266	1225	451	50	3874
CANOE	20	103	200	205	129	1	658
(paddle board) SUP	39	293	506	395	81	5	1319
SCULL	0	3	6	13	13	0	35
SAILBOAT	4	1	9	5	7	0	26
ROWBOAT	0	1	3	2	0	1	7
MOTOR BOATS	48	131	120	121	40	17	477
TOTAL	232	1293	2110	1966	721	74	6396
JOSH BILLINGS					384		384
					1105		
TOTAL BOATS							6780

Comparing Local Use of the Lake

In the interest of finding what local people use the lake, we asked each person where they were from.

AREA VEHICLES, BY TOWN, USING LAKE

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	TOTAL
STOCKBRIDGE	39	165	242	115	75	3	639
LEE	15	67	99	103	48	6	338
LENOX	24	204	362	397	168	13	1168
PITTSFIELD	17	115	179	83	97	3	494
RICHMOND	4	111	60	55	20	1	251
W. STOCKBRIDGE							no data
TOTAL 5 TOWNS							2890
OTHER PLACES							1520

Total of the 5 local towns - 2890

Trips from Canyon Ranch and Arcadian Shop are counted from Lenox.

Understand that these are vehicles and not boats. You can see the boat data in top chart. Most vehicles carry more than one boat.

