

LGPC Temporary Boater Survey.

Draft Data Summary

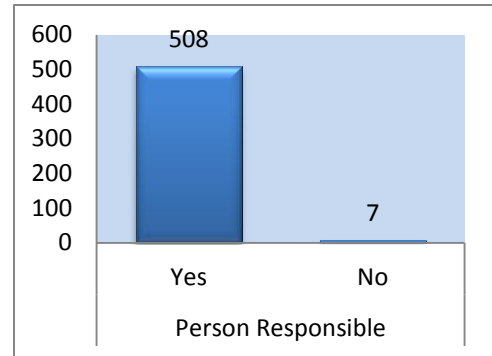
Prepared by the Lake George Association for the Lake George Park Commission.

4002 surveys mailed. 45 returned mail. 515 completed surveys returned. Response rate of 13%.

1. Are you the person primarily responsible for the transport and handling of the vessel in question?

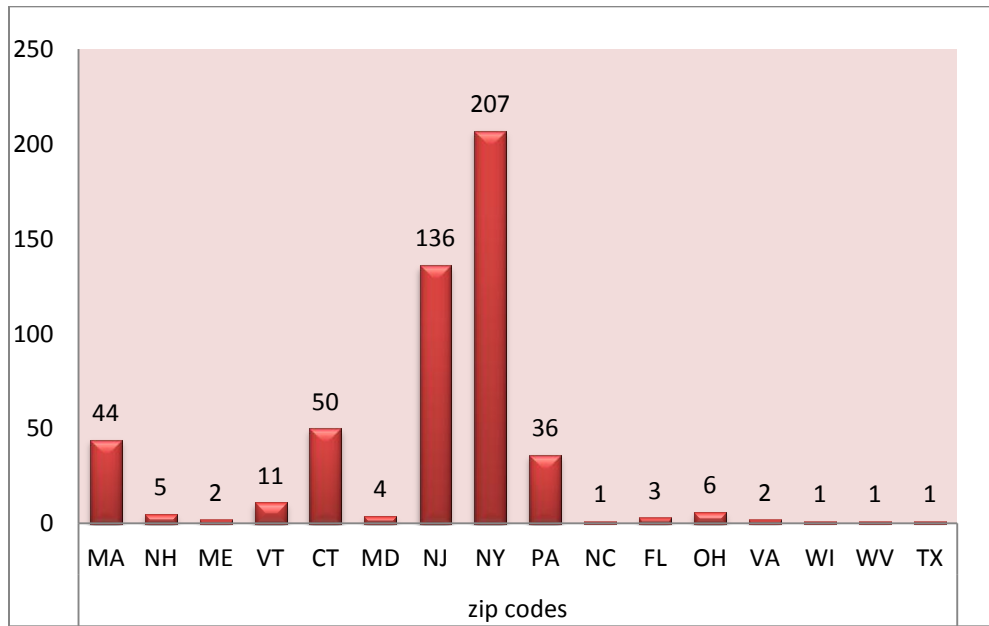
Yes No

508 out of 515, or 98.6% of respondents reported being the person primarily responsible for the boat in question.



2. In what zip code is the vessel stored when not in use? _____

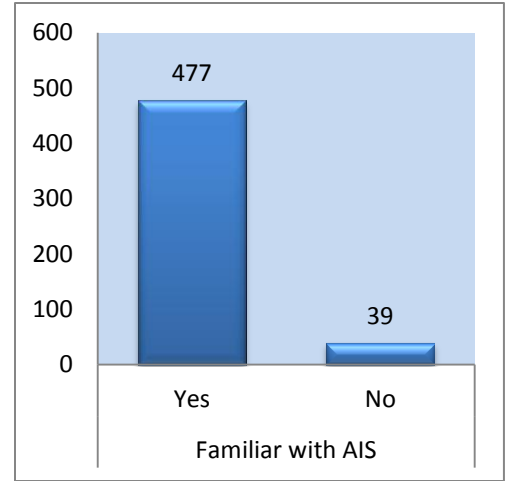
40% of respondents reported a NY zip code, with NJ zip codes coming in second. Overall, NY, NJ, CT, MA, and PA were the most common states and combined account for 91.8% of the respondents. Zip codes were reported for a total of 16 states.



3. Are you familiar with the problem of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) such as Eurasian Watermilfoil, Quagga Mussels, Hydrilla, Zebra Mussels, etc.?

- Yes No

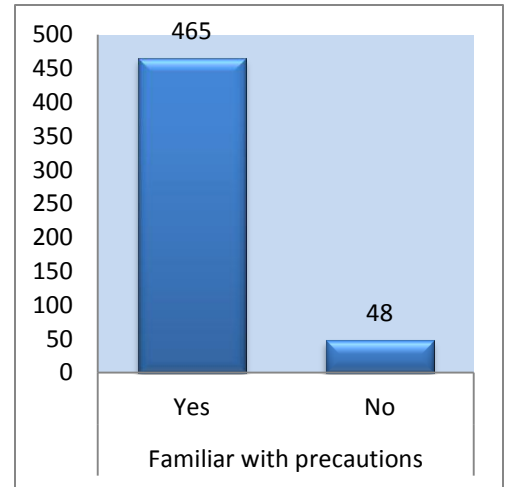
477 or 92.6% of respondents reported that they were familiar with AIS.



4. Are you familiar with the Inspect, Drain and Dry precautions for boating equipment, trailers and bait containers?

- Yes No

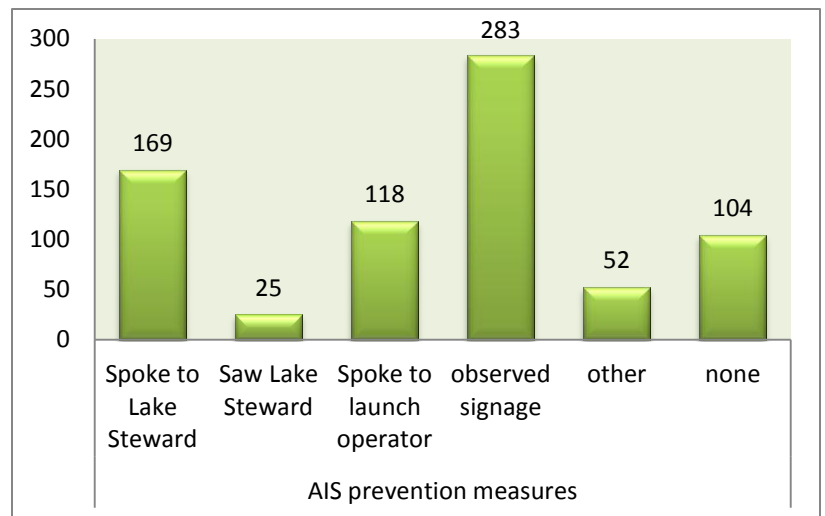
465 or 90.3% of respondents reported that they were familiar with precautions.



5. What, if any, Lake George AIS prevention measures did you encounter on your visit here? Check any that apply.

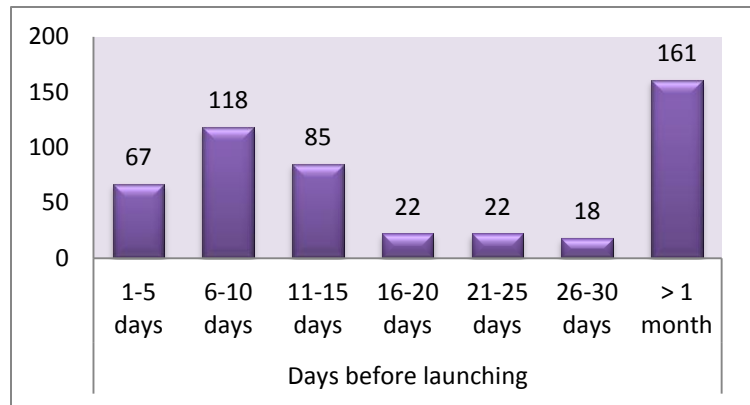
- Spoke to a Lake Steward
 Saw a Lake Steward (did not engage)
 Spoke to the Launch Operator about AIS
 Observed Signage at the Launch
 Other
 None

55% of respondents reported having observed signage at the launch while 32.8% reported having spoken to a Lake Steward.



6. What number of days had your boat been out of the water before the day you first launched in Lake George? _____

The majority of respondents reported having their boat out of the water for 2 weeks or less or more than 1 month. Number of days reported ranged from 1 to 1,095 (3 years).



7. Check any of the Following that apply:

Before launching:

- Inspected the Vessel and Trailer for AIS
- Drained the Vessel
- Allowed the Vessel to Dry for Five Days

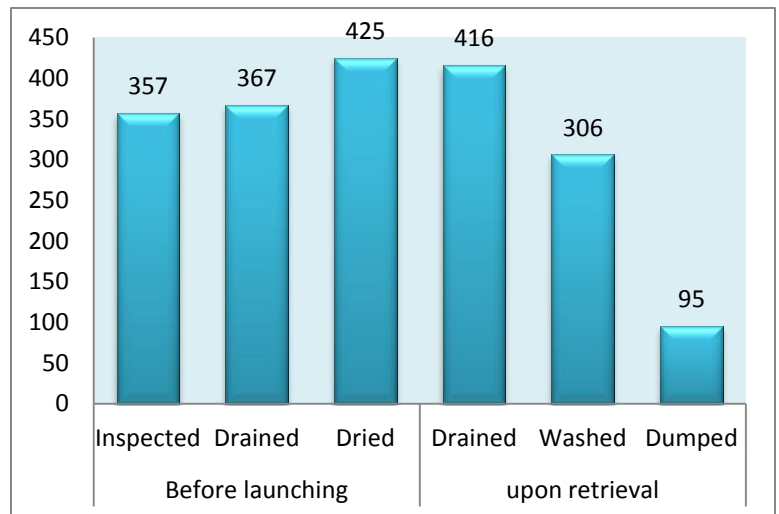
Upon Retrieval:

- Drained the Vessel
- Removed and Washed the Boat and Equipment w/ hard water spray
- Dumped Bait Buckets Away from the Lake

82.5% of respondents reported having dried their boat for 5 days prior to launching while 71.3% reported draining the vessel and 69.3% reported inspecting the vessel and trailer.

80.8% of respondents reported draining the vessel upon retrieval while 59.4% reported washing. Only 18.4% reported dumping bait buckets.

Many respondents checked more than one box.



8. We would appreciate any and all comments on your boating experience on Lake George.

Please provide your email address to obtain information and updates on Lake George.

297 of the 515 respondents provided comments. The majority of comments were in the "Lake George is great, Lake George is our favorite lake, keep it clean, thanks for all the work to protect it" realm. Around 50 respondents also gave additional details about their knowledge or actions related to invasive species and/or voiced their support to take necessary steps to protect the lake. Camping (13) and fishing (27) were mentioned a fair bit, both as positive experiences overall. Complaints (around 20) focused on multiple user issues (tubing too close to shore, bass tourney was intimidating, wakes of big boats make unsafe for kayaks, PWC special rules) and perceived lack of enforcement of jetski/shoreline/speed regulations. The need for additional buoys was also mentioned, along with free lake maps, by a few people (less than 5). 10 respondents noted having a good interaction with a lake steward as their comment, while 6 had something nice to say about the park patrol. There were also a few comments about needing better access and rising expenses, as well as trash in the lake. 1 person commented that the water quality had declined over the years.