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Clean boats, clean waters on Blake Lake

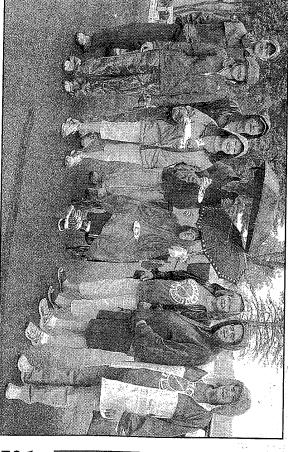
over holiday weekend Boat checks part of **DNR Landing Blitz**

zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive dentally spread Eurasian water milfoil, work to assure that boaters do not acci-Statewide last year, over 12,000 boats July weekend as part of the seventh-annual statewide DNR Landing Blitz. Over ducted free boat checks over the Fourth of Big Blake Lake Protection and Rehabilicontacted during the holiday. Inspectors were inspected and 28,573 people were 200 lakes were part of the blitz this year. tation District educated boaters and con-BALSAM LAKE - Volunteers from the

equipment entering or exiting the water. The volunteer inspectors help boaters cies laws and what they must do to clean understand Wisconsin's invasive spe-

give 400 hours per season to help protect quality and property value. By followwater quality on Blake Lake." "We have 40 dedicated volunteers who Boats, Clean Waters, AIS coordinator. the quality of our lakes for our grandkids to enjoy," says Peggy Lauritsen, Clean ing simple steps, boaters can preserve "Invasives are a serious threat to water

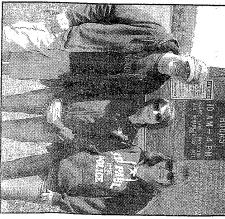
cies, disrupt lake ecosystems and interfere with boating, fishing and other recreation. Invasive species crowd out native spe-



pictured: Peggy Lauritsen, Tom Borden, Jim and Marge Filkins and Joyce Booth. water quality specialists of Polk County Land and Water Resources; volunteer boat inspectors Mike Rogge, Judy Hall, Vince and Mary Teuber, Vicky Dorner, Sue Ogren and Diane Borden. Not end shown (L to R) are: Aquatic invasive species experts Jeremy Williamson and Katelin Holm Clean Boats, Clean Waters training and volunteers on Blake Lake over the Fourth of July week-

or water moved from one water body to another. boating and fishing equipment, live fish The main ways invasive species and fish diseases spread to new waters is aboard

Waters program, demonstrated the required prevention steps boaters must take, provided stickers for boaters to through Wisconsin's Clean Boats, Clean The volunteers, who have been trained



Foley, Ann Foley and Shelley Rodriguez, of July weekend shown (L to R) are: Mike volunteers on Blake Lake over the Fourth Some of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters

place on their trailer posts to remind them of these steps and talked about Wisconsin invasive species and VHS laws.

search for bait laws. - from CBCW exceptions apply. Visit dnr.wi.gov and fish away from a water body. Limited equipment; and never move plants or live drain all water from boats, vehicles and all attached aquatic plants and animals; Wisconsin waters are required to inspect boats, trailers and equipment; remove Boaters, anglers and others enjoying