



Town of New Fairfield

Selectmen's Office
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, Connecticut

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING ZOOM MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/96421794462>
Meeting ID: 964 2179 4462
Dial In: (929) 205 6099

Thursday, October 8, 2020

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment & Participation
4. Correspondence & Announcements
5. Approve Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting September 24, 2020
6. Budget Transfers
7. Personnel Report
8. Appointments

Old Business

9. Candlewood Lake Authority Public Safety Presentation
10. COVID-19 Update
11. Noise Ordinance

New Business

12. Public Comment
13. Discuss and possibly vote on Memorandum of Understanding Town of New Fairfield and Teamsters 677
Re: Public Works Union Contract

Executive Session Anticipated

14. Adjournment

Received for Record

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at 3 h 04 m P M and recorded by

Pamela J. Dohan
Pamela J. Dohan, Town Clerk, New Fairfield, CT

TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD
FISCAL 2020-2021
Intra-Department Transfer

<u>\$'S</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>		<u>\$'S</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	
250.00	001-4162-0004-000 / 313.00	Intergov.Agency - CCM	250.00	001-4162-0000-000 / 312.00	Intergov.Agency - COST
250.00			250.00		

To be submitted at the BOS meeting on 10/8/20



Candlewood Lake Authority New Patrol Boats

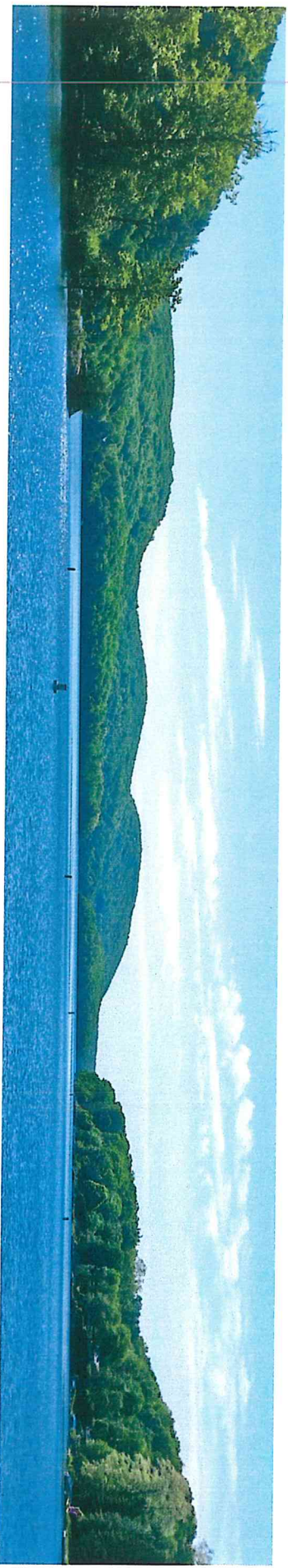
Preserving and Protecting Candlewood Lake Since 1972

Brookfield - Danbury - New Fairfield - New Milford - Sherman



Why Are We Here?

1. CLA is responsible for public safety on Candlewood Lake
2. CLA lost 2 patrol boats in summer of 2020 due to COVID
3. We need commercial purpose vessels rather than modified recreational boats.
4. Commercial purpose vessels must be ordered by end of October for May delivery
5. The 2020/2021 CLA budget requires a special appropriation now, outside of budget cycle, to provide adequate public safety and address health and sanitation issues on the lake in 2021



Candlewood Lake

Largest Lake in Connecticut:

65 miles of shoreline, 5420 acres

Waterfront Residences:

Approx. 1,600

Draws thousands of visitors annually

Over 150 fishing tournaments / year

Shoreline Municipalities: Towns of Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford, Sherman and the City of Danbury



Candlewood Lake Authority

- Formed in 1972 out of a Need for Public Safety and Law Enforcement on the Lake
- Environmental Protection and Education Added a Few Years Later When Water Quality Declines
- Empowered By *CT General Statute 7-151a* to Act as an Agent of the 5 towns
- 5 Towns established to "Pay to the Lake Authority its respective share of expenses of the CLA" split evenly between the 5.
 - CLA Supplements this Through Fundraising activities
 - FirstLight Contributes Annually as a Donation



Candlewood's Changing Identity

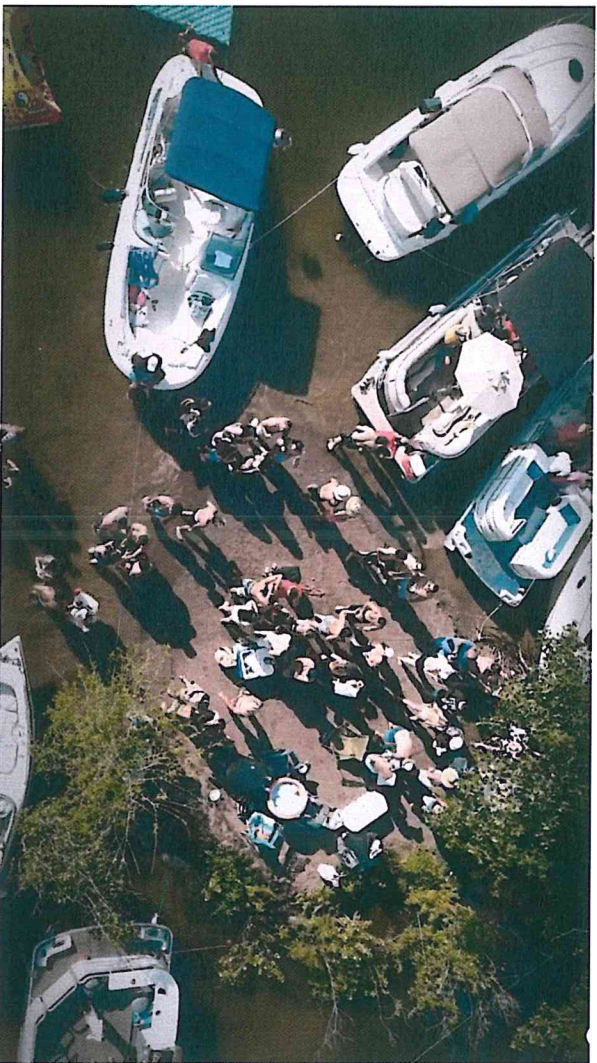
This year solidified that we are not currently equipped to handle the challenges of

Candlewood's changing identity:

- Unprecedented crowding
- Island overuse
- Extreme boat traffic
- Growing concerns for noise and resident safety

Our current resources are also spread to environmental concerns:

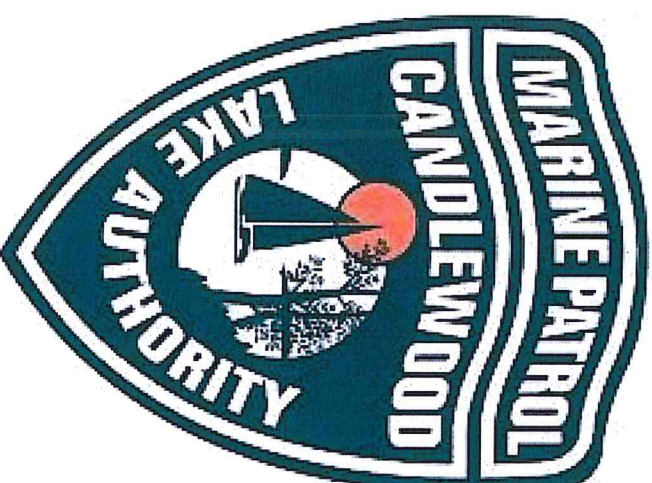
- Discovery of a zebra mussel in Candlewood
- Pollution and erosion of islands due to increased use
- Water quality preservation



Role of CLA Marine Patrol

The CLA Marine Patrol enforces CT boating law.

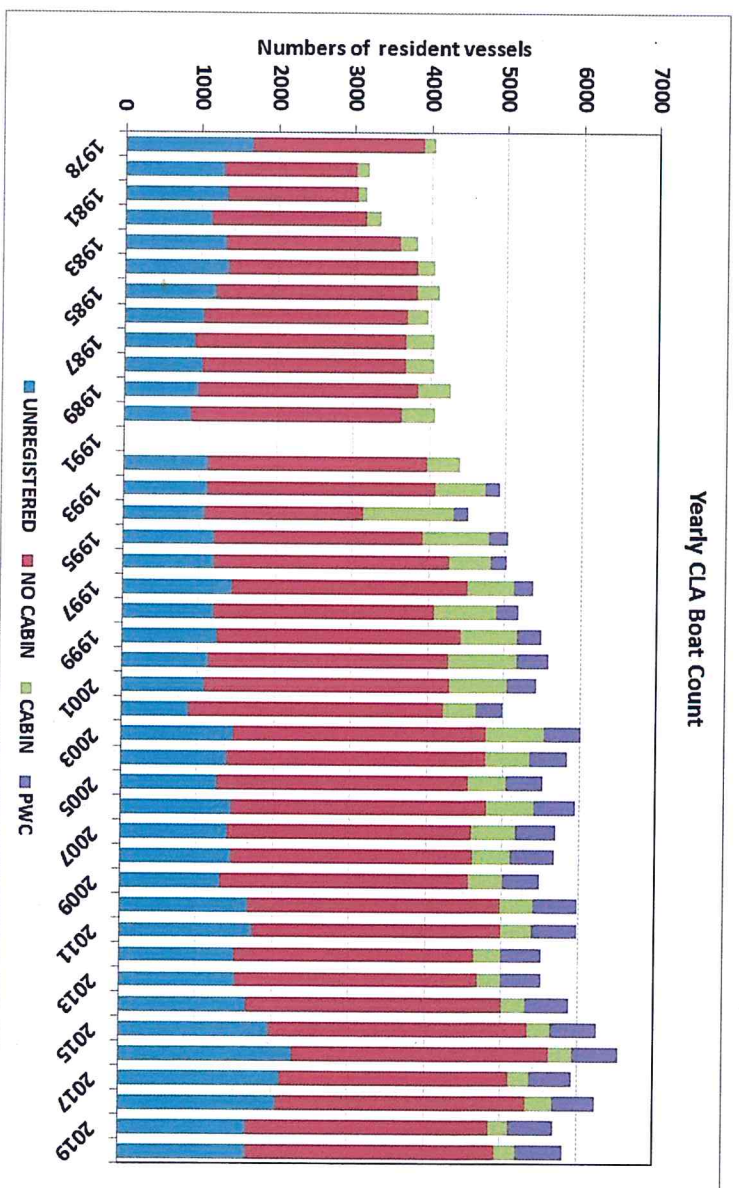
- Educate Boaters on Safe Boating
- Respond to Accidents; Often 1st on Scene
- Perform Vessel Safety Checks
- Assist Disabled Watercraft
- Assist law enforcement, fire and EMS units
- Collaborate with DEEP on special operations
- Remove hazardous debris



CLA Annual Resident Boat Count

since 2017, the resident boat count has shown:

- Registered Boat w/o cabins increased by 8% (2994 → 3240)
- Registered Boat w/ cabin increased by 2% (269 → 274)
- PWCs have increased by 11% (553 → 620)



Candlewood Lake Summer 2020

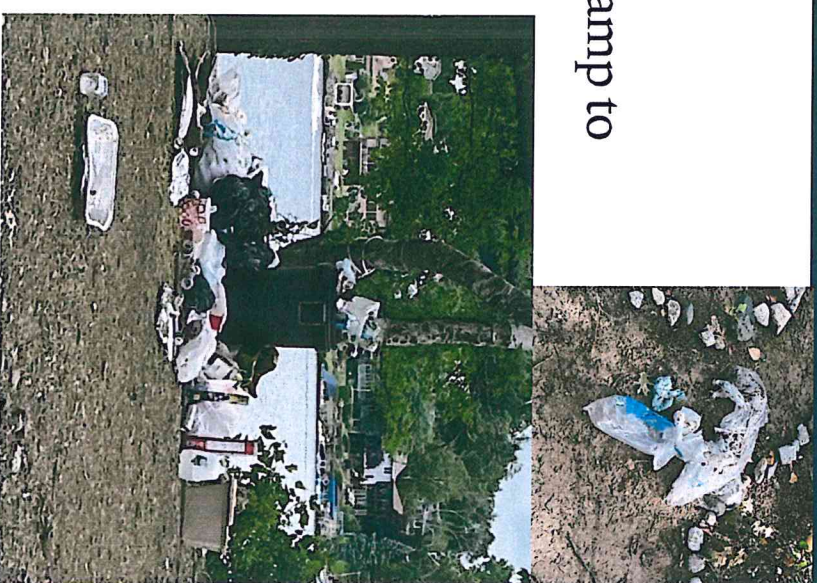
**Invasive zebra mussel found for first time in
Candlewood Lake**

**In precaution, Danbury closing sports leagues and town boat ramp to
prevent coronavirus spread on Candlewood Lake**

**FirstLight Power to Temporarily Close Candlewood
Lake Islands Due to Covid-19 Concerns**

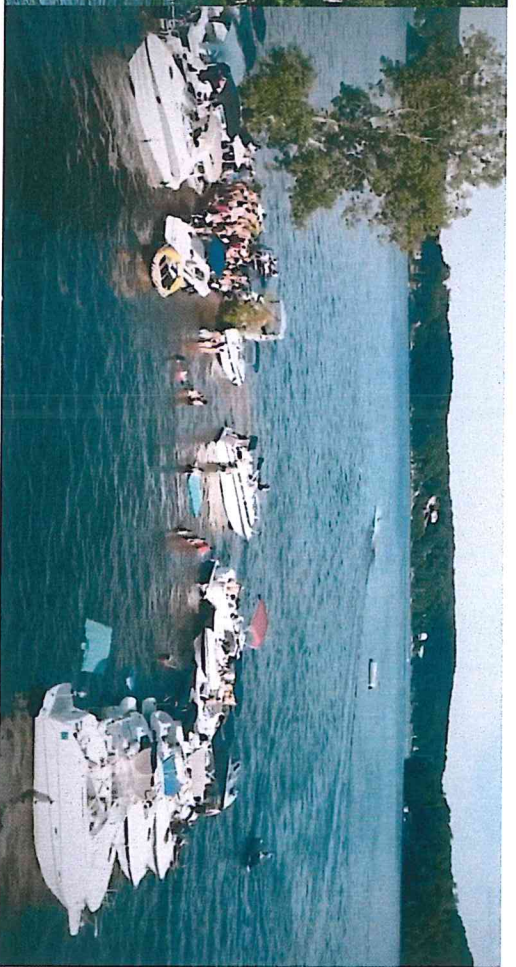
**New Fairfield Board of Selectmen
Discusses Proposed Noise Ordinance, CLA
at Aug. 27 Meeting**

**Amount announces shutdown of state boat ramp in Danbury
due to uptick in COVID-19 cases**



Candlewood Lake Summer 2020

Although This Year Was Difficult
These Problems Won't Just Go Away Next Year



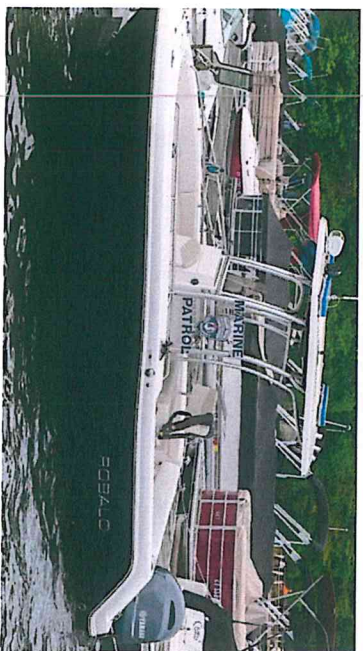
CLA Patrols 2020



	2019	2020
Accidents	5	13
With Injuries	2	4
Property Damage	3	9
Service Calls	564	611*

- As of Sept 8, 2020
- Does not include stops where infractions are not issued, safety checks, and various assistance

Spring 2020 Patrol Fleet



2017 Robalo (left)

1999 Aquasport
(right)
(Purchased Late
Spring 2020 due
to COVID)

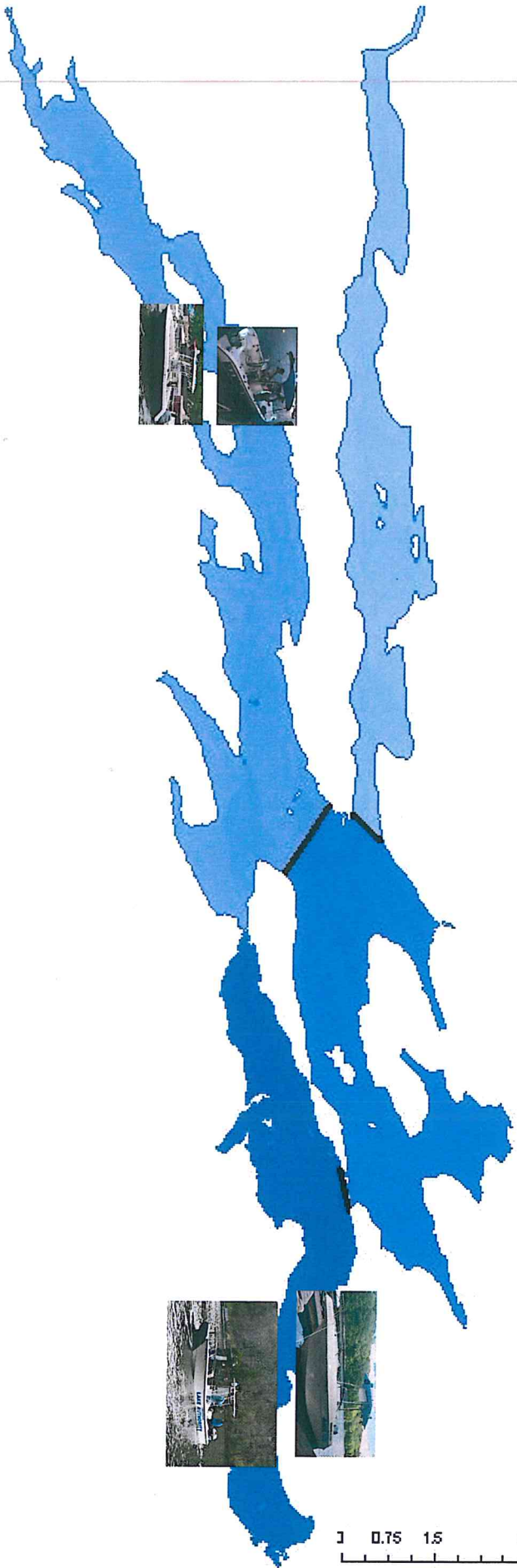


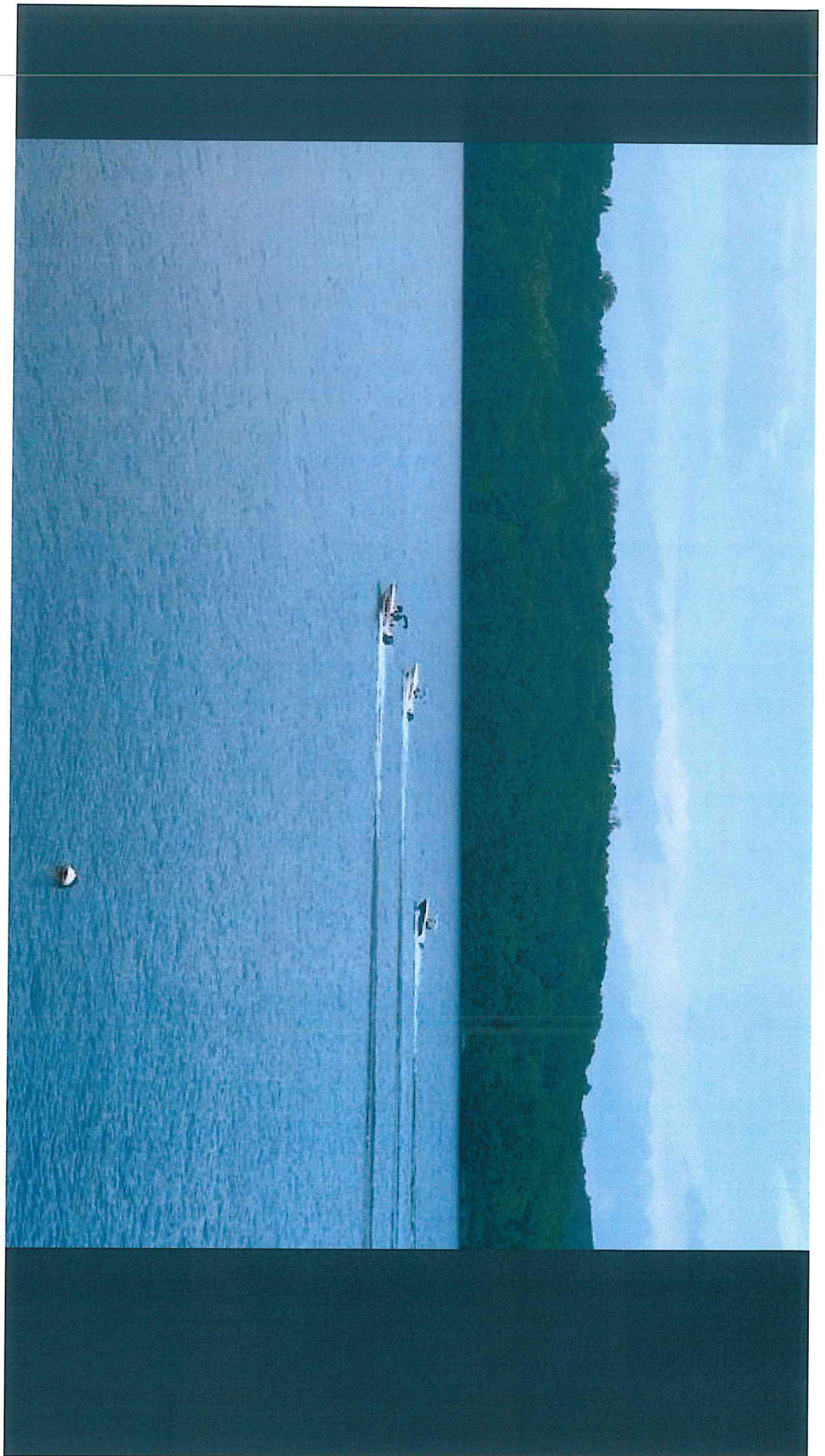
1997 Mckee

1993 Steiger Craft



“Side by Side” Covid Protocol





Current CLA Patrol Vessels

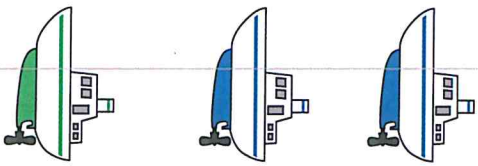
	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Notes
1993 Steiger	In Service	Out of Service	Started season in dual role as environment and patrol boat. Hull failure and motor failure. Boat needs replacement for 2021.
1997 McKee (Patrol)	In Service	Out of Service	Hull failure. Boat needs replacement for 2021.
2017 Robalo (Patrol)	In Service	In Service	Currently owned by Town of Sherman
1999 Aquasport (Patrol)	In Service	In Service	Purchased 2020 used for COVID response

Looking Forward

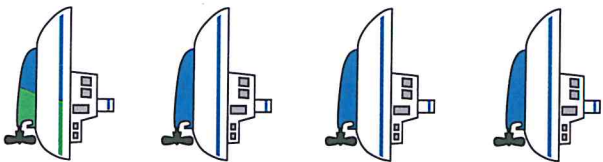
- Increased lake usage has resulted in more traffic, noise and health and safety issues on the islands.
- The CLA has only 2 operating boats
- The first step to addressing all these issues is ensuring an adequate number of patrols on the lake.
- For 2021, we are asking for 2 new patrol boats to replace the 2 that were lost in 2020
 - We will continue to use the environmental work boat as dual purpose until a 3rd new patrol boat can be purchased to complete a 4 patrol boat force



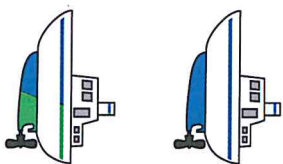
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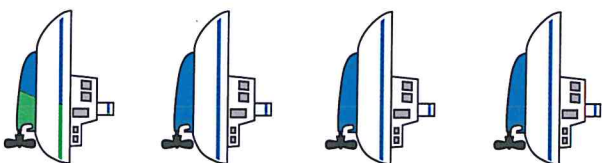
Spring 2020



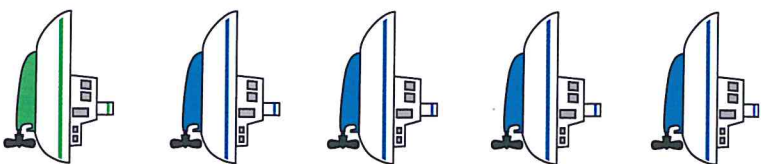
Fall 2020



2021



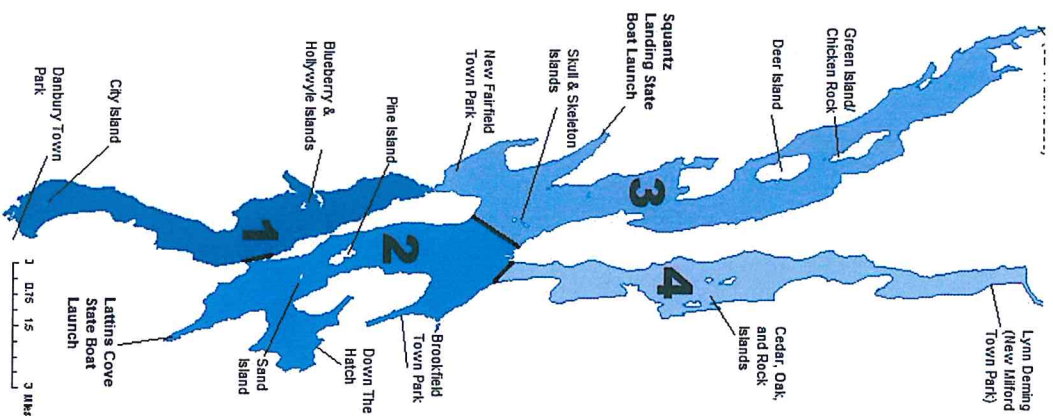
**Ideal
Final Fleet**



New Vessel Impact

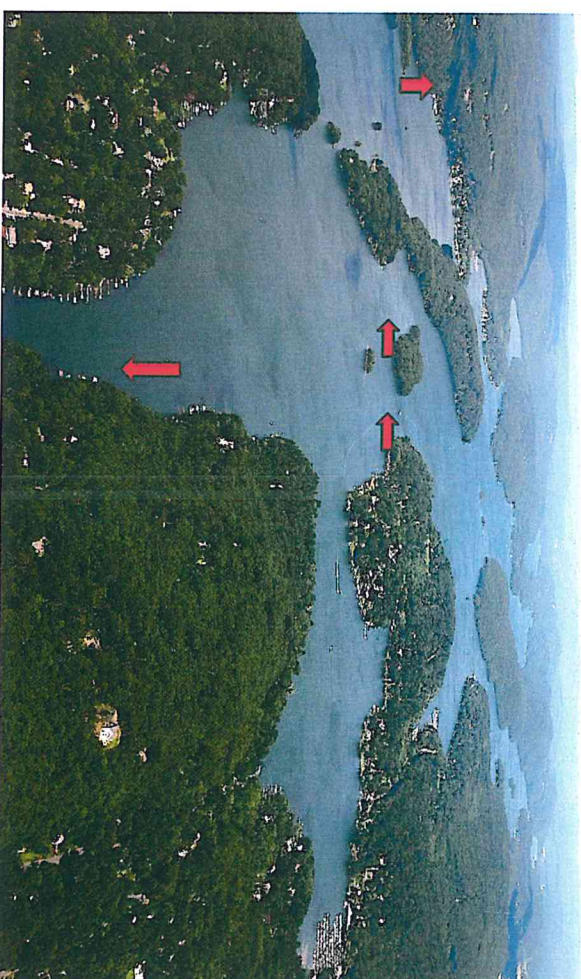
- Position vessels in high density areas
- Address noise issues before they happen, educate
- Maintain presence/visibility within each town boundary rotating vessels every two hours
- Patrol vessel visibility by default will curtail behavior which is affecting towns and local recreational lake users

Two vessels are not enough to service the entire body of water

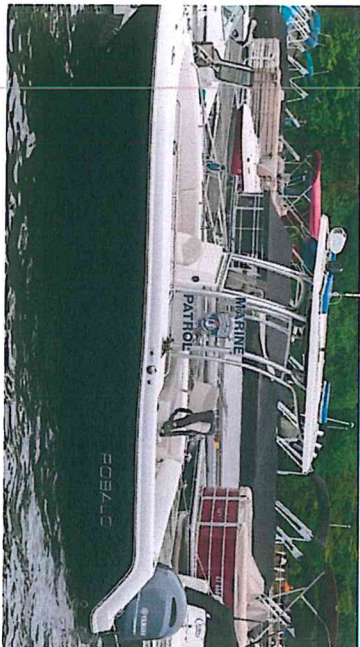


Patrol Capabilities with New Vessels

- Ability to run periodic special operations
- Establish Checkpoints for safety checks
- Inform vessel occupants of island restrictions
- Terminate voyage for safety violations, overloaded conditions etc.
- Lattins Cove, Danbury Boat Launch, NF Squantz Launch, Skull Island, Blueberry Island

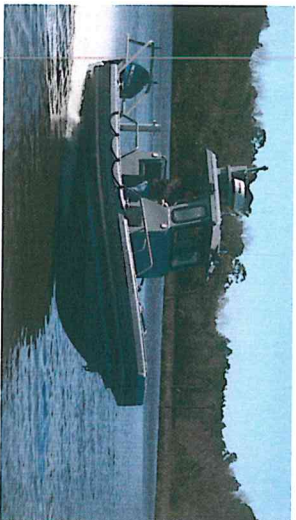


2021 Proposed Patrol Fleet



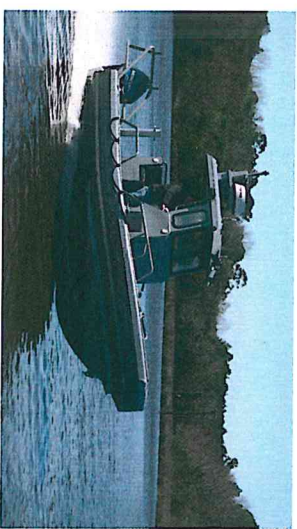
2017 Robalo
(left)

1999 Aquasport
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(Also serves as
environmental
work boat)



2021 New Boat

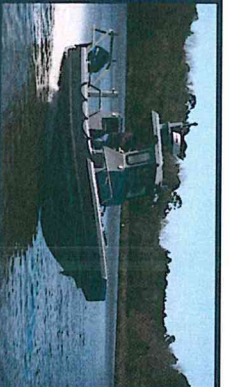
2021 New Boat



Why Commercial Purpose Aluminum?

1. Current Industry Standard (States of NH and ME, Lake Lillinonah, local fire departments)
2. Durability of aluminum helps ensure significantly longer life span.
3. More capable of towing than current CLA fleet.
4. Lake usage has changed: island use is increasing and aluminum hulls can land on the islands with increased durability.





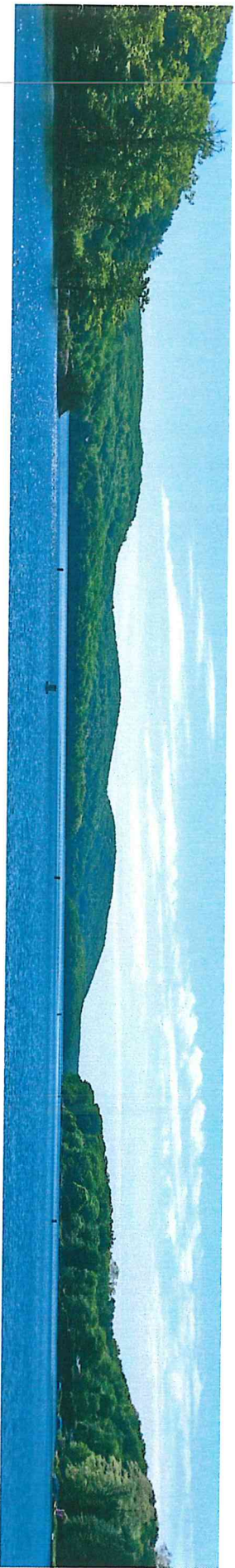
	Metal Shark Relentless	Silver Ships AM600	Munson Packman
Length	21	21	23
Engine	Yamaha 250	Yamaha 250	Yamaha 250
Hull	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum
Trailer	X	X	X
Freight/Delivery	X	X	
Mfg In	Louisiana	Alabama	Washington
Marked CLA	X		X
Collar	X	X	
Tow Post	X	X	X
Who uses	Lake Lillimonah	State of NH and ME (Lake Winnepesaukee)	
Availability	180 days	210 days	300 days
Price	\$155,868.00	\$142,901.00	\$145,051.00

In Summary

To ensure Public Health and Safety on Candlewood in 2021 and beyond, 4 patrol boats must be on the water on weekends and holidays.

2 new patrol boats need to be purchased at a cost of \$150,000 each and Ordered by October 31 to ensure Spring delivery. Cost per town \$60,000.

The CLA is asking for an emergency appropriation for an unanticipated expense in this budget year needed to cover the cost of replacing 2 lake safety marine patrol boats that have been taken out of service.



**TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD
PERSONNEL REPORT
October 8, 2020**

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	PAY RATE	REASON	EFFECTIVE
NEW HIRES:							
1	CASSAVECHIA	JASON	POLICE OFFICER	POLICE	\$74,913 (PRORATED TO \$49,655.24 WITH 11/1/20 START DATE)		11/1/2020
CHANGE IN STATUS							
2	HORKAN	LUCILLE	LIBRARY CLERK	LIBRARY		INCREASE IN HOURS DUE TO LIBRARY CLERK RESIGNATION. FROM 12 TO 15 HOURS PER WEEK	10/16/2020
SEPARATION							
3	HYKES	DIANE	LIBRARY CLERK	LIBRARY		VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION	10/16/2020
4	IACOVO	ERIN	ACCOUNTING CLERK	FINANCE		VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION	9/25/2020
5	RODRIGUEZ	DESIREE	PER DIEM DISPATCHER	COMMUNICATIONS		VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION	8/28/2020