



# Hydrilla Hunter Happenings



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## \* Who We Are, Where to Get Information & Report Possible Hydrilla Infestations

The Hydrilla Hunters are an informal group of Cayuga Lake watershed residents working together to prevent takeover of our lake and creeks by the aquatic invasive plant, *Hydrilla verticillata*. We are affiliated with the Hydrilla Task Force of the Cayuga Lake Watershed. Information & report forms: [www.StopHydrilla.org](http://www.StopHydrilla.org), TC Cornell Cooperative Extension.

**\*Hydrilla is Not on the Move:** So far Hydrilla has not been found anywhere in Cayuga Lake beyond the Cayuga Inlet. Continue to keep an eye out and report any possible sightings! Go to [www.stophydrilla.org](http://www.stophydrilla.org) for updates.

**\*Fluridone Treatment Area Expanded:** Due to low fluridone levels at the mouth of Cayuga Inlet, 30 acres were added to the original treatment area, effective August 15. A map can be found at [www.stophydrilla.org](http://www.stophydrilla.org).

**\* Invasive Species Transport Bill Passed:** On July 24 2012, Governor Cuomo signed a law giving the Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Dept. of Agriculture and Markets authority to regulate the sale, purchase, possession, introduction, importation and transport of invasive species; the new law also establishes penalties for violations.

**\*Tompkins County Legislature Passed Invasive Species Law:** On July 17 2012, Tompkins County Legislature passed a law deeming it unlawful for anyone to transport invasive species (plant or animal) to or from county waterways. Remember to clean your boats – a violation of this law lands a \$250 fine!

**\*Herbicide Spread Being Monitored:** While monitoring for the spread of endothall outside the treatment area has been completed, fluridone spread is still being measured and recorded. Findings for both can be found at [www.stophydrilla.org](http://www.stophydrilla.org).

**\*Upcoming Fall Conference for Volunteers:** A free public community conference and thank you party will be held for our hydrilla volunteers in the fall of 2012, location and date to be announced.

**\* Laminated i.d. sheets available:** Laminated sheets of hydrilla and lookalike native elodea are available. Please contact [steward@cayugalake.org](mailto:steward@cayugalake.org) to obtain a set.



Left to right: Jordan Starke, Briana Boaz, Mike Miroiu, and Mikhail Kern work as 2012 summer interns for Bob Johnson (Racine-Johnson Aquatic Ecologists). In these photos they are searching for viable hydrilla tubers in mud samples from Cayuga Inlet.

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