



Memphremagog
Conservation inc.

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Attention Chief Information Officers

Memphremagog Conservation's Patrol: 50 years of evolution and protecting the lake's environment

Magog, May 12, 2022 – The patrol team has begun this week its 50th summer season on Lake Memphremagog and will criss-cross the lake from May to September. Founded in 1972 on the initiative of Mr. Graham Taylor, MCI's patrol has greatly evolved since its beginnings. Originally, the team (composed of young residents of the lake) was mainly responsible for cleaning the lake's shoreline of the waste that accumulated there. Today, the patrol is made up of students or university graduates from the fields of environment and ecology who carry out many complex scientific projects.

The year 2022 at the MCI

This year, the patrol will focus particularly on monitoring and controlling aquatic invasive alien species that threaten the biodiversity and ecosystems of Lake Memphremagog. Species targeted include zebra mussel, Chinese mystery snails, Banded mystery snail and Eurasian watermilfoil. Well-established zebra mussel populations were first observed in Lake Memphremagog in 2018 and are now threatening municipal and residential water intakes. To make the increasing number of boaters on Lake Memphremagog aware of this situation, the patrol team will distribute a new pamphlet on good boating practices, which includes an interactive map on navigation, as well as being present on the lake and at boat ramps.

This year again, the patrollers are collaborating with various partners to monitor the quality of the lake's water, its tributaries, its shoreline and any cyanobacteria blooms, as well as carrying out various studies on the lake.

The patrol is coordinated by Frédérique Thibault-Lessard, Bachelor of Environmental Studies. The other members of the team are Fanny De Blois, a biologist, Eric Phendler, an undergraduate student in ecology and environmental sciences at Bishop's University, as well as Sarah Carroll, holder of a Bachelor's degree in geography from Concordia University and a graduate degree in Coastal Ecology from Coast Mountain College.

You can reach MCI's patrol 7 days a week by phone or text message at 819 620-3939, or by email at patrol@memphremagog.org.

MCI is celebrating its 55th anniversary!

In 2022, MCI also celebrates its 55th anniversary since its creation in 1967! The organization would like to thank its members for their support as well as all the volunteers who, over the years, has made it possible to carry out all activities to protect Lake Memphremagog. This year's annual general meeting (AGM) will take place Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Hermitage Club in Magog. The AGM is an opportunity to meet MCI's team and find out about the various projects carried out to ensure the protection of Lake Memphremagog.

MCI offers media and municipal employees the opportunity to board its boat to better understand and visualize the various environmental factors that can affect the quality of this huge drinking water reservoir that supplies more than 175,000 people daily.

Photos:



MCI's 1972 patrol (Courtesy of Mr. Graham Taylor)



Mr. Graham Taylor, first patrol coordinator (Courtesy of Mr. Graham Taylor)



MCI's 2022 patrol

About MCI: Memphremagog Conservation inc. (MCI) is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers, which has worked for 55 years to protect the environmental health of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed. With the support of its members, it is dedicated to ensuring that all residents of the region, permanent or not, shoreline or not, can enjoy a healthy lake for current and future generations.

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