

## News from Oneida County AIS

### **Clean Boats, Clean Waters Online Training –TONIGHT. Still time to register!**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Hosted by: Oneida and Vilas Counties Land & Water Conservation Departments**

**Register:** [CBCWRegistration](#)

This free training is to help new and seasoned watercraft inspectors prepare for a busy season at the landings. The free training will be on WebEx and the session will open at 5:45 p.m. to give everyone time to test their audio and visual before the 6:00 p.m. start time.

### **Clean Boats, Clean Waters Amidst the Pandemic (Webinar)**

**Hosted by: Wisconsin Lakes**

**Thursday, June 11, 2020 ~ 4:00pm**

**Register:** [here](#)

In the latest of a series of webinars on lake organizations and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we'll take a deep look at the shape of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program this summer. We'll learn the current status of the WDNR and its progress towards reopening in general, as well as hear from CBCW program staff from both WDNR and UW-Extension Lakes on recommendations for how to operate your programs (if you choose to do so) this summer.

[Get more info in the Wisconsin Lakes news feed on wisconsinlakes.org!](#) You can also follow WI Lakes' postings on COVID-19's impact on lakes [here](#). Space is limited, so register now!

### **Healthy Soils for Animals, Plants and People (online)**

**Wednesday, June 24, and Thursday June 25, 9 am – Noon (both days)**

**Hosted by; Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department**

Register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A5A928A1F94-healthy>

Multiple workshop presenters will discuss how to reduce shoreline erosion, improve water quality, create wildlife habitat, explain reasons for and benefits of shoreline restoration, and introduce potential funding sources. See attached flyer.

### **Invasive Species Chat on the Larry Meiller Show**

**Wednesday, Jun 24, 2020, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Central time)**

**Hosted by: Wisconsin Public Radio**

For more information: <https://www.wpr.org/programs/larry-meiller-show>

### **Aquatic Plant ID workshop (online)**

**Wednesday, Jun 24, 2020, 9:00 am-1:00 pm (CDT)**

**Hosted by: UW-Extension Lakes**

**Register:** There is no fee for registration, but you must [register in advance](#) to get the link to the meeting

In place of the usual hands-on summer aquatic plant identification workshops, we are holding one virtual webinar this year. We will be covering a similar set of species as we would at the

hands-on workshops, and the day will include rotations with multiple staff covering different groups of plants. There will be time for Q&A after each group of species, and a longer Q&A session at the end. We realize it won't be the same as the hands-on sessions with live plants and field ID practice, but we hope this is a valuable alternative to prepare those of you that will be doing point-intercept surveys or other aquatic plant work this season. This webinar will also be recorded for later viewing.

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## Hot Off the Press: Yellow Iris Fact Sheet by the Oneida County AIS Program

Do you suspect yellow iris is growing on your property? If so, attached to this email is the brand new Yellow Iris Fact Sheet that I created to help property owners understand how this happy intruder can compromise their property and actions they can take to get rid of it. For more information, visit [www.oneidacountyais.com](http://www.oneidacountyais.com)



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## Oneida County AIS Team

I am thrilled to announce this summer's Oneida County LTE AIS Project Assistants, Aubrey Nycz and Rachel Cook. Aubrey Nycz has returned for her FIFTH summer as the AIS Lead Project Assistant and Rachel Cook is our new AIS Project Assistant. Below are their bios and a snapshot of their summer activities.

*Bios:*

### ***Aubrey Nycz – Oneida County Aquatic Invasive Species Lead Project Assistant***

Aubrey is excited to be returning for her fifth year on the AIS team to help with outreach programs, Clean Boats Clean Waters, lake monitoring, and AIS management. Having lived in Northern Wisconsin all of her life, Aubrey has seen firsthand the negative effects that AIS can have on local waterbodies. For this reason, she hopes to share her passion and knowledge about invasive species with community members, in order to stop the spread of unwanted invaders. Aubrey earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in Elementary Education. Her goal as an educator is to inspire her students to become lifelong learners who strive to make a difference in the world around them. During her free time, Aubrey enjoys boating, swimming, and fishing with family and friends.



### ***Rachel Cook – Oneida County Aquatic Invasive Species Project Assistant***

Rachel has spent many years coming to the north woods with her family. She enjoys exploring the vast outdoors while fishing, camping, kayaking, and biking in summers as well as snowmobiling, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in winters. Rachel earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology, Biochemistry, and French from UW-Stevens Point. She credits her appreciation for natural processes and passion for ecological studies to her time at UW-Stevens Point, where the students are surrounded by opportunities for sustainable practices and environmental education. She is currently working on her master's thesis at UW-Milwaukee, where she studies ecological genetics. Rachel is happy to spend the summer with the Oneida County AIS team, spreading awareness about the importance of protecting our beautiful ecosystems.



**Summer Activities:** Aubrey and Rachel will assist with our grant “Oneida County AIS Prevention and Control Project 2020-2021,” which provides AIS education, prevention and planning measures to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS regulated by NR40. They will conduct watercraft inspections at priority (high risk) boat landings, AIS early detection and water quality monitoring, AIS early detection monitoring at boat landings, and assist with AIS rapid response, control, management, and restoration after invasive's have been removed. In addition to practicing social distancing, they will assist with AIS education, workshops, trainings, outreach, and statewide campaigns and provide technical assistance to citizens, lake groups and partners.

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### **Clean Boats, Clean Waters Face Masks and Signage**

Thanks to the UW-Extension Lakes, the Oneida County AIS Team will be wearing these cool CBCW face masks while conducting watercraft inspections. In addition, I designed a yard sign for Aubrey and Rachel to place near the entrance of the boat landing where they are working at for the day.



#### *Oneida County AIS Program*

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