

NATIONAL STORYTELLING MONTH

In honor of May being National Storytelling Month, I am excited to share one of my personal favorite stories at Pennichuck from last summer. I had the opportunity to spend a day out on Pennichuck Pond searching for invasive species. I remember thinking how cool it was to be on a boat during a workday! Little did I know what the day had in store.

The day started normal, one of our treatment plant employees had prepared the company boat for a day on the water with our Environmental Scientist, Ashley, the interns, and me. From there, we set out for the annual maintenance and removal of invasive species.

The first few hours went smoothly. We boated around the pond, identifying various plant species, and I was able to snap some great photos for a social media campaign I was working on.

That was until around the fourth hour when things took a turn for the worse. The boat engine began to cut in and out—and on top of that, storm clouds started rolling in, and being in the middle of a pond in a metal boat during a potential rain shower? Not ideal. We scrambled to restart the engine and make it back to shore before the weather hit.

Thankfully, we got the boat running just in time and made it safely back. Within minutes of reaching the water's edge, the sky opened, and the rain came pouring down.

It was a workday I will never forget, and I am excited to make even more memories this summer.

