

SEPT 5th – SEPT 7th

DIVER DASH LOCATIONS: Sites 19 and 26

See Map Attached

DASH INSTALLATION: The TKPOA has contracted with Hiuga Dive Company to implement two of the Group B methods – Bottom Barriers (BB) and Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH). DASH will be conducted in **Sites 19 and 26 from September 5th through September 7th**. This will be the last week that DASH will be conducted. The following weeks will consist of the divers removing the Bottom Barriers. More information will come in next week's e-blast.

CMT YEAR 3 VOTE: On August 28th, the Board of Directors approved a motion to fund the Control Methods Test (CMT) Year Three by a special assessment decided on by Homeowner vote. Continuing our commitment to this three-year test is key in informing and shaping the large-scale solution to bring the Keys back to its original ecosystem. Year 3 will allow us to see lasting, long-term effects from both herbicide and the more recent non-herbicide methods. If we want to restore our waterways, we must go through the process as planned.

Year 2 of the test has already shown some noteworthy results that are helping to shape the large-scale plan. Through some preliminary analysis, our CMT lead scientist, Dr. Lars Anderson, has noted some of results we have observed:

1. *"More than 90% Control of target plants from Year One Endothall-only treatments has been sustained except for shorelines that were not submersed in 2022 but are now under water.*
2. *Sites treated with Endothall-only or Triclopyr-only in 2022 have remained free of Eurasian watermilfoil during the summer of 2023.*
3. *Native species beneficial plants have been preserved from Year One and are showing an abundance in treated areas.*
4. *Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) and UV-spot treatments show promise in sustaining control obtained in 2022.*
5. *Bottom barriers will remain in place until late September 2023. They have kept the covered areas free of plants."*

Stay tuned as we will be updating our website, [keysweedsmanagement.org](https://www.keysweedsmanagement.org), to include various resources and documents to help inform you of the CMT Year 3 and all the specific details of the upcoming vote.

Please contact the TKPOA WQ department for additional information or to answer any questions about work being done on your waterways.

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