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NEWSLETTER





- **Life Jackets must be onboard for all passengers, and children 12 & under must wear a life jacket at all times. This is a CT regulation!**
- **Paddleboards, kayaks and canoe operators must have a life vest onboard at all times and wear them early spring/late fall – this is also a CT regulation.**
- **Paddleboard operators, for their own safety, should respect the boat lanes – also, no laying down or sitting on boards in the middle of the lake because boaters may not be able to see you!**
- **All boats must operate at slow speed 1/2 hour after sunset and navigation lights must be on.**
- **Anyone out in a non-powered boat or paddleboard after sunset must also have a light.**
- **No riding on the front or rear of a boat underway.**
- **Swimming zone is 75 feet out from shore, or accompanied by a boat or swimming floating device**
- **Wakeboarding and wake surfing should be 200 feet from shore. Remember, members are responsible for any damage their wake causes.**
- **Make sure your family and guests are aware of the rules and be safe & have fun!!!**



IMPORTANT & PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING SERIOUSLY

KNOW WHERE YOU ARE DIVING

**LIMIT NON-POWERED WATERCRAFT TO ONLY 5
PER HOUSEHOLD - IT'S THE RULE**

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR HOMEOWNER
INSURANCE POLICY EVEN IF YOU DO NOT OWN A BOAT**

**DO NOT ALLOW A GUEST TO BRING ANY TYPES OF NON-
POWERED WATERCRAFT
INTO OUR LAKE (IE: KAYAKS, PADDLE BOARDS, ETC.)**

**DO NOT FERTILIZE CLOSE TO LAKE SIDE OF PROPERTY TO
PREVENT WEED GROWTH**

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING

FINES WILL BE ISSUED IF RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED!!!

**ALL POWERBOATS, KAYAKS, CANOES, ETC.
MUST DISPLAY A CLOA STICKER.**

BAD!



**PADDLE BOARDING OR KAYAKING
WITH BOATS IS A VERY DANGEROUS
SITUATION**

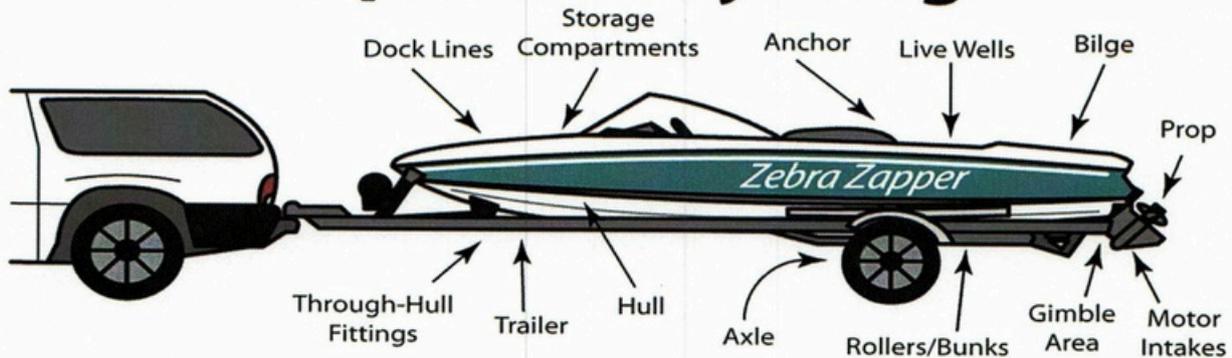


**YOU SHOULD NEVER FLOAT IN THE
BOATING LANE!!!**

The "Clean, Drain, Dry" technique can prevent the spread of invasive species.

(Credit - <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Aquatic-Invasive-Species>)

Before leaving and before launching...
inspect everything!



Clean:

- Inspect and remove all visible plant, fish, and animals as well as mud or other debris at the launch. Do not transport them home.
- Check trailer, including axle and wheel areas - in and around the boat itself: anchor, props and jet engines, ropes, boat bumpers, paddles, and anything else that came in contact with the water.

Drain:

- Eliminate all water from every conceivable space and item before you leave the area you are visiting.
- Remove the drain plug from boats and put boat on an incline so that the water drains out
- Drain all water in live-wells, bilge, ballast tanks, transom wells, kayaks, canoes, rafts, motors, jet drives, boat hulls, scuba tanks and regulators, boots, waders, bait buckets, seaplane floats and swimming floats.

Dry:

- Dry Equipment, if possible, allow for 5 days of drying time before entering new waters.

Additionally, under the law

- Boaters must inspect their vessel for vegetation and aquatic nuisance species and properly remove and dispose of all vegetation and nuisance species before transporting the vessel. You can be fined \$95 per violation ([CGA 15-180](#)) and [Public Act 12-167](#).

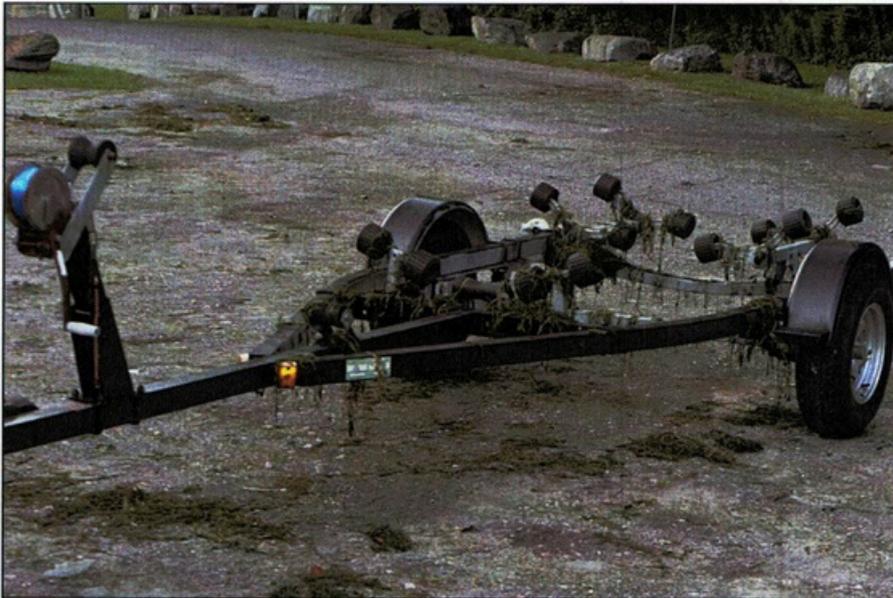


Introduction and Dispersal of Aquatic Invasives

(all photos by CAES IAPP)

Aquariums and Water Gardens

Most of the invasive aquatic plants in Connecticut are thought to have been introduced via the release from aquariums or water gardens (Les and Mehrhoff 1999). Although setting these plants “free” rather than disposing of them sounds like a good idea, it should be avoided. Because it is difficult to know what species you have and the designation of “non-invasive” is not always accurate, all aquarium and water gardening plants should be treated as invasive and disposed of properly. This includes, returning to a retailer, giving to well-informed aquarist or water gardener, or sealing in plastic bags for disposal in the trash. Also be aware that water gardens that are upstream from waterbodies are prone to releasing aquatic plants, fish and other species downstream during flooding events.



Clean, Drain, Dry

Proper boat and trailer cleaning is an important way to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Many plants spread through fragmentation, so even a small piece stuck to a trailer can create an infestation in a waterbody. Zebra mussels and other aquatic animals can also hitch a ride on boats and trailers to new locations. Best practices for boat and trailer cleaning include the Clean, Drain, Dry technique and disinfection. **Clean** all equipment, removing any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before leaving the launch site. **Drain** all water from boats and live

wells at the launch site. **Dry** anything that comes into contact with water for a minimum of five days or wash with hot water that is at least 140 degrees F for a minimum of 30 seconds (preferably at high pressure). Boats, trailers, and equipment can be sprayed with a bleach solution (3 oz. per gallon) allowing ten minutes of contact time prior to rinsing. Equipment can also be dipped into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes. The CT DEEP has more information on aquatic hitchhikers (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Aquatic-Invasive-Species>).



**CLOA BOARD IS VERY CONCERNED
THAT MEMBERS ARE TAKING THEIR
BOATS AND/OR WATERCRAFT TO
OTHER LAKES - PLEASE SEE THE
FOLLOWING FOR GOOD PRACTICE ON
PROTECTING OUR LAKE**

Clean Drain Dry Steps

Aquatic invasive plants, animals, and diseases can spread through water-based recreation when they cling to our watercrafts and gear. These species spread alarmingly fast. Follow the Clean Drain Dry steps and best practices to protect water resources and stop the spread of aquatic invasive species:

Clean

Inspect and clean plants, animals, and mud from watercraft, trailer, and gear (fishing gear, waders, boots, etc).

Drain

Drain all water from your watercraft, trailer, and gear (e.g. buckets, well, bilge, ballast etc.).

Dry

Dry all parts of your watercraft, trailer and gear completely between trips. The recommended protocol is waiting 5 days between trips to fully dry all parts where overnight drying is really not enough.

CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY all watercraft, trailer, motors, and gear every time, everywhere.

NEVER release or move fish, animals, or plants from one waterbody into another.

LEARN to recognize aquatic invasive species and report them.

INFORM others about the threat of aquatic invasive species.

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS



EXAMPLE OF HOW REAL THIS REALLY IS AND HOW LAKES ARE CLOSED BECAUSE OF WEED INVASION

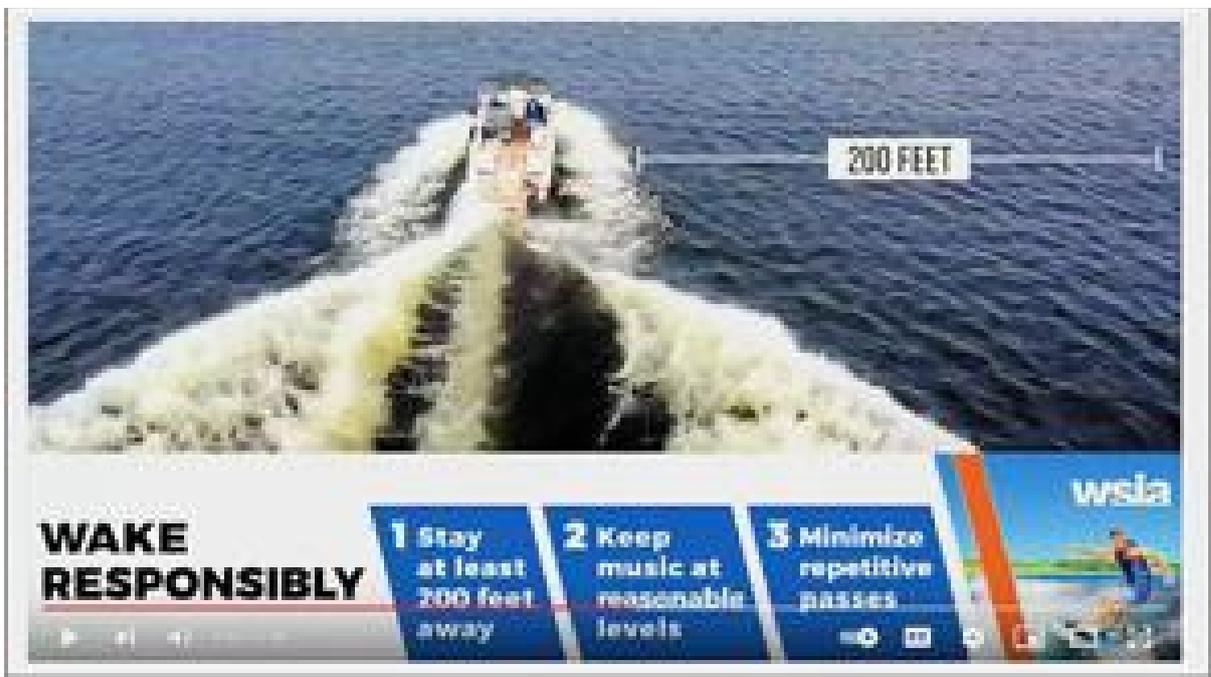
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DEEP Reminds Boaters About New Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp Purchasing Requirement

(HARTFORD) – The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) today reminds those who operate a motorboat or personal watercraft on Connecticut's inland waters that they are now...

PLEASE BE Responsible



Wakeboarding and wake surfing should be conducted in the middle of the lake to minimize boat wave effects on properties.

Reminder 

**YOU CAN FIND LAKE
INFORMATION ON THE
CLOA.org website**

- **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **BYLAWS & REGULATIONS**
- **BOAT REGISTRATION FORM**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**
- **FIREWORK DATE**
- **SAFETY ISSUES**
- **TREASURER'S REPORT**
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