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Clean, Drain, and Dry:

It's not just a good idea

Watercraft Inspection Program Leaders Workshop
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New York's Updated Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

- Released July 15, 2015
- Emphasizes prevention and early detection
- Top priority is the expansion of boat stewardship coverage across New York



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Prevention

A spectrum of responses to the threat of AIS

- Regulatory
- Voluntary



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State Legislation

- Senator O'Mara and Assemblymember Lifton introduce legislation to prevent the spread of AIS by recreational boaters
- Governor Cuomo signs the bill into law on September 2, 2014



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Regulatory Efforts

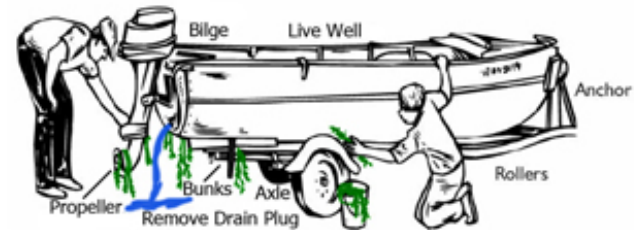
- Amendment to Article 3 of the Navigation Law – “AIS spread prevention signs at public boat launches”
- 6 NYCRR Part 59.4 (DEC) & 9 NYCRR Part 377.1 (Parks) – “AIS spread prevention regulations for boat launching/retrieving at DEC and Parks-owned sites”

PROTECT YOUR WATERS!

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

Invasive Plants and Animals Can Impact Boating, Fishing, Swimming and the Environment

REMOVE any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.



ELIMINATE water from equipment before transporting.

CLEAN & DRY anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, waders, equipment, dogs, etc.).

NEVER release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**
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For further information scan this QR code with a smartphone, or visit:
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Exemptions

*We may be small...
but we can be
BIG trouble!*



- Plants (**NOT invasive**) used for camouflage for hunting or wildlife viewing purposes
- Baitfish and gamefish that are possessed and/or taken in accordance with applicable laws/regulations
- Plants (**NOT invasive**) used for habitat restoration purposes or research – must be approved by DEC



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Self Permit Process

Example situations:

1. Transport of watercraft to an on-land location for storage
2. Transport of watercraft to a cleaning or repair facility
3. Transport of legally caught bass or other fish kept in a watercraft's live well to a weigh-in location



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Watercraft Transport Permit For Aquatic Invasive Species

Pursuant to NYCRR Part 59.4 - Transport of Aquatic Invasive Species to and from Department Boat Launches, and NYCRR Part 190.24 – Boat Launching Sites and Other Sites from which a Watercraft May be Launched, individuals desiring to transport a boat that has not been drained and cleaned of visible plant or animal materials from a DEC boat launch must possess this self-certified boat transport permit obtained from the Department.

Name of Transporter: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Boat Registration Number (if applicable): _____

Waterbody Boat Transported From: _____

Boat Being Transported To*: home or other storage location repair shop

Other (please describe): _____

Address of Location Boat Transported to: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Transport: _____

I understand that this permit only authorizes the transport of a boat to a storage or other location on land, and that transport to, and launching on, another waterbody in New York is NOT allowed by this permit unless the boat is drained and cleaned of visible plants and animals.

New Part 576 – Reasonable Precautions

- Draft released December 16, 2015
- Public comment period ended January 30, 2016



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The Details: Part 576

- Cleaning, draining, and treating (i.e. drying and rinsing) must be done before launching a watercraft into a public waterbody
- ECO's have discretionary authority to enforce the law
- Watercraft and floating docks are exempted when re-launched from **same** waterbody without having been launched in another waterbody



The Details: Part 576 “Public waters”

“Waters” or “waters of the state” shall be construed to include lakes, bays, sounds, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, rivers, streams, creeks, estuaries, marshes, inlets, canals, the Atlantic ocean within the territorial limits of the state of New York and all other bodies of surface or underground water, natural or artificial, inland or coastal, fresh or salt, public or private (except those private waters which do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters), which are wholly or partially within or bordering the state or within its jurisdiction. ECL 17-0105(2)



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Voluntary: Boat Steward Programs



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What do boat stewards need to know about boat launch regulations?



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The Stewards' Role

- Education, not enforcement
- Confrontation avoidance
 - Stewards **do not** write down license plates and report
- Provide regulation documents to boaters
- Provide transport permits
- Tell ECO's or Park Police of repeat violations at launches



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Answers to FAQs

1. Are boat stewardship programs required by law?



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Answers to FAQs

2. Where does this regulation apply?



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More FAQs

3. Who is responsible for following clean, drain, and dry protocol?



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More FAQs

4. How are public waters defined?



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More FAQs

5. How do you define watercraft?



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More FAQs

6. What if my watercraft or dock is only launched or placed in one water body (does not leave site)?



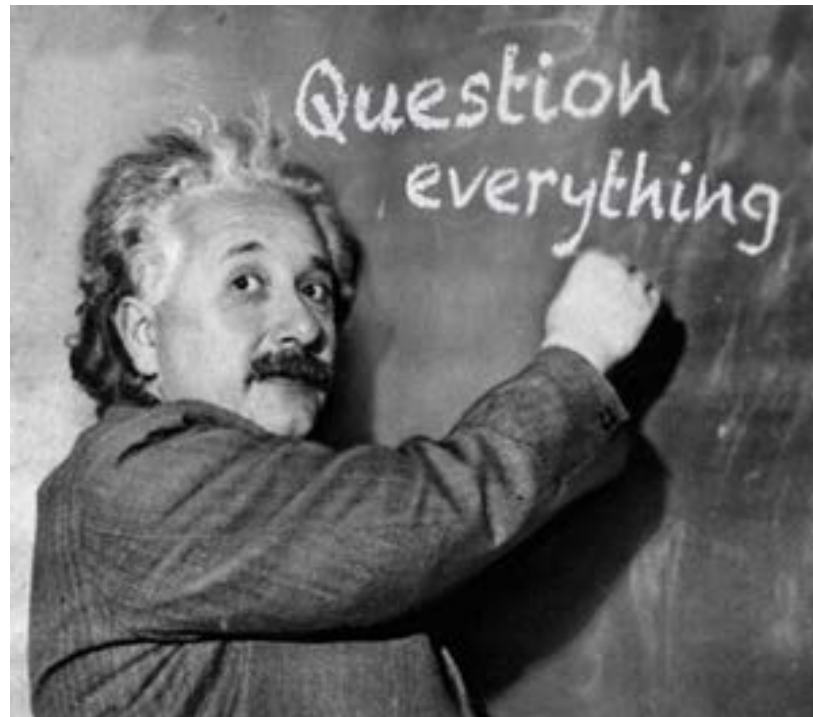
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Other Questions?



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