Upper Saranac Foundation

It still is, and always will be, about Water Quality.

UPPER SARANAC WATERSHED AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

Watercraft Launching Guidelines

Invasive Species: What Are They?

Invasive species are plants and animals introduced from other places that cause harm. They can negatively impact boating, fishing, and swimming. In recent years, the rate and risks of invasive species introductions have increased. Due to the lack of natural controls and high reproductive rates, invasives can quickly become widespread. Once infestations are introduced, control efforts are difficult and costly.

What You Can Do to Help Prevent Introductions?

The most prominent way aquatic invasive species enter our watershed is through the transport of watercraft. Simple changes to behavior are all that's needed to prevent their spread.Together, the Upper Saranac Foundation and private boat launch owners, in compliance with Environmental Conservation Law, are requesting launch users to take precautions to prevent the spread of invasive species. Watercraft coming from other waterbodies must be assessed by an Adirondack Watershed Steward Inspector to determine compliance with the "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)" standard prior to launching.

Assure Your Equipment is Invasive-Free

There are numerous Adirondack Watershed Steward Inspection and Decontamination Stations located throughout the Adirondacks. All inspections and decontaminations are conducted free of charge. Trained Stewards are available to provide a courtesy inspection and decontamination of watercraft.The Upper Saranac Foundation and our partners are encouraging visitors to take advantage of any of the Boat Wash and Decontamination locations prior to arriving to the Upper Saranac Watershed. Locations and hours can be found at: www.adkcleanboats.com .

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TIPS ON WAYS TO MEET THE CLEANED, DRAINED, DRY STANDARD OF PROTECTION

CLEAN

Remove all visible plants, animals, fish, and mud from your boat, trailer, or other equipment before transporting equipment.

DRAIN

Eliminate water from equipment. Drain water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks, and any other components containing water.

DRY

Before you arrive at the launch dry your boat, trailer, and all equipment completely. Drying times vary depending on the weather and the type of material. At least five days of drying time is generally recommended during the summer.

DECONTAMINATION

If your watercraft was previously used in a different waterbody and you want to use your boat sooner than in five days, decontamination is needed.

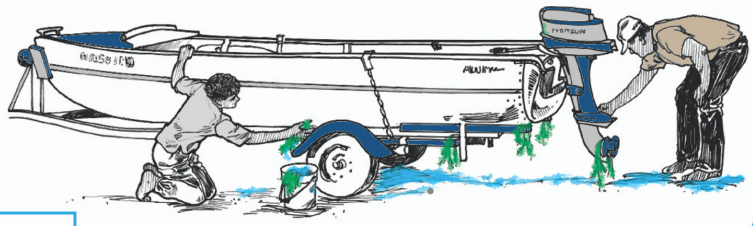
Never release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to help prevent Aquatic Invasive Species from contaminating our watershed.

PROTECT YOUR WATERS

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

BOATING AND FISHING EQUIPMENT



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