



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

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Follow these simple steps:

✓ Clean

Remove all plants, animals, mud and thoroughly wash everything, including all crevices and other hidden areas

✓ Drain

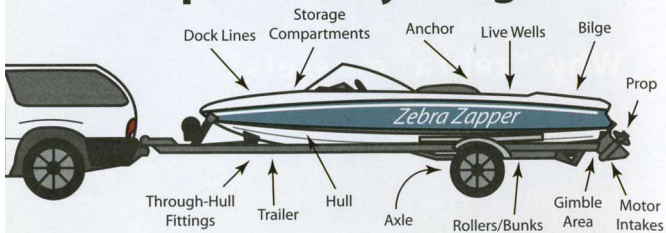
Eliminate all water before leaving the area, including wells, ballast, and engine cooling water.

✓ Dry

Allow sufficient time for your boat to completely dry before launching in other waters.

If your boat has been in infested waters for an extended period of time, or if you cannot perform the required steps above, you should have your boat professionally cleaned with high-pressure scalding hot water (>140 °F) before transporting to any other body of water.

Before Leaving & Before Launching... Inspect Everything!



Zebra mussels encrusting a fishing rod



Zebra and quagga mussels are invasive freshwater mollusks (clams) that infest waters in large numbers, attaching to any hard surface.

Quagga Mussels encrusting a boat motor



Zebra and quagga mussels are a nuisance for anglers and boaters. They can ruin your equipment, clog cooling systems in motorboats, foul hulls and jam the centerboard wells under sailboats.

For additional information please contact
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