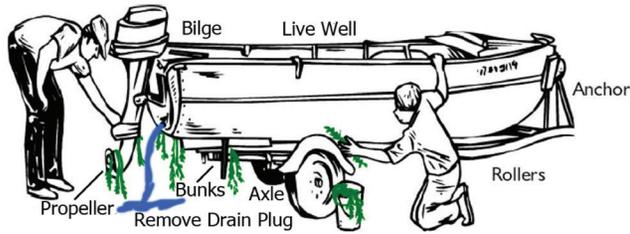


STOP THE INVASION

PROTECT NEW YORK FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

ATTENTION BOATERS



New regulations protect the waters you enjoy from aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants and animals that spoil boating and fishing, threaten native plants and animals, and destroy habitat. They are difficult and costly to remove, so let's keep them out!

All boaters in New York State must:

- Inspect floating docks, watercraft, trailers and equipment, and remove visible plant and animal material.
- Drain, and if possible, flush your boat's bilge, live well, bait well and other water-holding compartments after use.

More about preventing the spread of AIS:
www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html



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Examples of AIS in NY

Water Chestnut



H. Smith, APIPP

- Fan-shaped leaves with toothed edges
- Sharp-edged seeds can cut feet
- Dense floating mats impede boating, fishing and swimming

Zebra Mussel



A. Benson, USGS, Bugwood.org

- Tiny D-shaped or oval striped shells
- Can cover hard surfaces like docks and mooring lines
- Shells can cut feet

Eurasian Watermilfoil



G. Lovell, ADCNR, Bugwood.org

- 4-6 feathery leaves around stem, blunt-tipped, as if snapped off
- New plants sprout from fragments
- Most common and widely distributed AIS in NY
- Dense plants impede boating, fishing and swimming

Spiny Waterflea



E. DeBolt, LGA

- Tiny crustacean with long, barbed tail
- Competes with small fish for food
- Can clog guides of fishing rods

Hydrilla



Tim Krynak, Cleveland Metroparks, Bugwood.org

- 4-8 blade-like, slightly toothed leaves around stem
- Dense plants impede boating, fishing and swimming
- Tolerates both fresh and brackish water

More information about AIS:

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/99141.html