

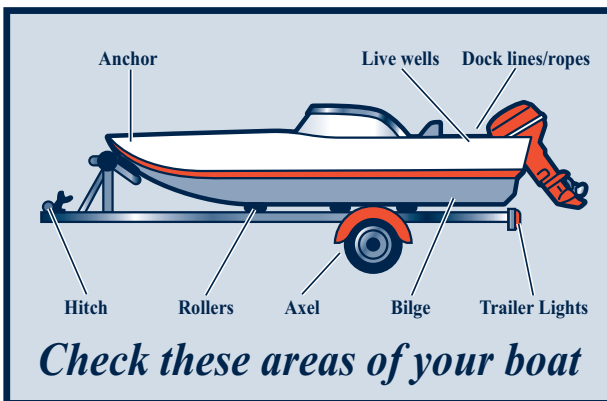
Boats and boat trailers can easily transport harmful aquatic species

Harmful aquatic species such as Eurasian watermilfoil and hydrilla can spread quickly to new waterways. The next time you return, you may not be able to navigate your boat through the mat of weeds. Zebra mussels and other species can attach to vegetation and boat hulls and clog water intakes, which can ruin boat engines and jam steering equipment.



To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, follow these guidelines:

- While boating, avoid traveling through aquatic plants.
- Before leaving a body of water, remove all visible plants, fish, animals, and mud. Drain all water from the boat, trailer and all other fishing and boating equipment before leaving the water body.
- Before traveling to a new body of water, use a power washer to clean your boat and trailer. Alternatively, allow the boat, trailer, and other gear to thoroughly dry for a minimum of five days.



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