

CLEAN

Inspect and *remove* visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from watercraft, motor, trailer, and equipment before leaving water access.

Scrub hull using a stiff brush.

Rinse watercraft, trailer, and equipment with high pressure hot water when possible.

Flush water in motor according to owner's manual.

DRAIN

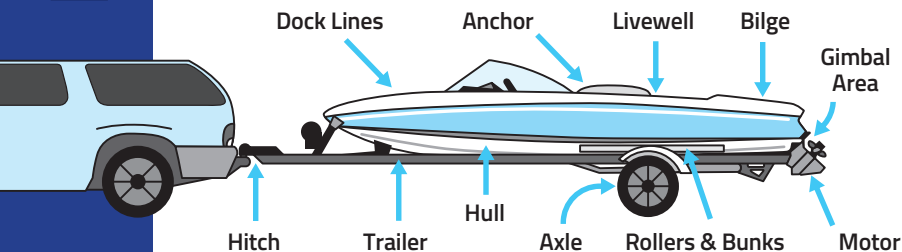
Drain water from watercraft, motor, bilge, bladder tanks, livewell, and portable bait containers before leaving water access.

DRY

Dry everything *five days* or more, unless otherwise required by local or state laws, when moving between waters to kill small species not easily seen.

OR— If drying is not possible, *wipe* everything with a towel before reuse.

Check these areas where AIS can hide:



Aquatic invasive species, or AIS, are non-native plants, animals, algae, or pathogens that cause harm to the environment, the economy, and human or animal health.

Recreational boating is one way that AIS are spread. Boats, motors, and trailers have ideal hiding spots where species may attach and be transported to new locations. Many of these species can survive out of water for *five days* or more!

Every time you boat, use this card as reference to clean your boat and trailer to keep your equipment in good condition and ensure you aren't accidentally moving these AIS between bodies of water.



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!™**

**CLEAN BOATS
CLEAN WATERS**



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