

Tips for a Speedy Invasive Species Boat Inspection

HOW BOATERS CAN PREPARE



The better prepared you and your boat are for an inspection, *the faster it will go!*



What can you do to help make the *entrance* inspection go faster at the ramp?

- Have a green seal and matching receipt ready to present to the inspector.
- Make sure the bilge plug is removed and available to be replaced at the end of the inspection.
- Remove any tarps and straps prior to entering the inspection site.
- At the inspection site, turn off the vehicle, set the parking brake, get out of the vehicle and assist the inspector with the inspection.
- Open all compartment hatches including but not limited to: live/bait wells, bilge areas, anchor compartments, equipment compartments and any other compartments that hold items that have come into contact with the water body.
- Have the battery switch turned on so that the engine can be lowered and pumps can be activated.
- Have the anchor and ropes out of their compartments for inspection.
- If using live aquatic bait, please have the bait receipt out and available for the inspector.
- Clean, Drain, and Dry.

What can a boater do to help make the *exit* inspection go faster at the ramp?

- At the inspection site, turn off the vehicle, set the parking brake, get out of the vehicle and assist the inspector with the inspection.
- Remove the bilge plug.
- Lower the motor.
- Open/drain all compartments including but not limited to: live/bait wells, bilge areas, anchor compartments, equipment compartments and any other compartments that hold items that have come into contact with the water body.
- Activate all pumps (bilge, live well, ballast tank, etc.) to ensure drainage.
- Have the anchor and ropes out of their compartments for inspection.
- Place unused bait in the trash.
- Get a green seal and receipt to make the next inspection go faster.
- Remember to dry all equipment at home prior to the next launch.
- Clean, Drain, and Dry.

Decontamination may be required when moving from positive waters to negative waters and when the boat has no seal and receipt. Boaters are encouraged to visit the CPW website for more information and plan ahead for decontamination.

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