

CLEANING PROTOCOL FOR VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT

A proper cleaning guarantees that we will not transport involuntarily invasive exotic species from one body of water to another.

Five steps to follow:

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EMPTY WASTE WATER FROM THE BOAT AND EQUIPMENT. DRAIN THE BALLAST WATER, THE INSIDE OF CANOES AND BOATS. EMPTY AND CLEAN LIVE TANKS IN A DRAINING AREA.

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A VISUAL INSPECTION TO REMOVE WASTE; PLANT MATERIAL OR SPECIES, WHICH MAY ADHERE TO THE HULL OR ENGINE OF THE BOAT. THEN DISPOSE IN A WASTE CONTAINER.

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MECHANICAL CLEANING OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENT APPLYING PRESSURISED HOT WATER (MINIMUM 160 BAR AND 60°C).

APPLY TO THE BOAT (HULL, ENGINE, INTERIOR SPACE) AND ESPECIALLY TO LESS ACCESSIBLE AREAS WITH A HIGH RISK OF WATER ACCOMMODATION. NEVER DRAIN THE CLEANING WATER DIRECTLY TO A RESERVOIR, RIVER, SEWER OR ANY OTHER WATER COURSE.

BEFORE STOPPING THE ENGINE, ACCELERATE TO RAISE THE WATER TEMPERATURE AND SPEED. THEN CIRCULATE CLEAN WATER THROUGH THE COOLING CIRCUIT BY IMMERSION IN A TANK OR USE A DEVICE.

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DRYING OF BOATS AND MATERIALS USING DRYING ELEMENTS (SUCH AS CLOTHS) OR IN THE AIR, IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE USED FOR AT LEAST 8 OR 10 DAYS.

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CLEANING AND DRYING OF RECREATION FACILITIES AND BATHROOM ACCESSORIES.

BATH ACCESSORIES (BOARDS, OARS...) AND FISHING EQUIPMENT (BOOTS, WETSUITS, WADERS, NETS, TACKLE...) MUST BE CLEANED BY USING A HIGH-PRESSURE CLEANER, ATOMISER OR DIPPED IN A BLEACH-BASED SOLUTION. SUBSEQUENTLY ALL THE MATERIAL WILL BE DRIED TO AVOID THE UNINTENDED TRANSPORT OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES.

THE INTRODUCTION OF NON-NATIVE WILDLIFE SPECIES, SUCH AS ZEBRA MUSSELS, IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 333 OF THE PENAL CODE.