



# STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the spread of invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species are non-native plants and animals that threaten native plants, wildlife and their habitats. They also affect humans by degrading boating and fishing areas and reducing lakeshore property values and tourism. Once they are established eradication is almost impossible.

## BEFORE AND AFTER BOATING...

### ✓ CLEAN

**Clean** and remove all visible plants, animals, fish and mud from your boat, trailer and other equipment and dispose of it in a suitable trash container or on dry land.



### ✓ DRAIN

**Drain** water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks and any other locations with water before leaving the launch. Disinfect when possible.

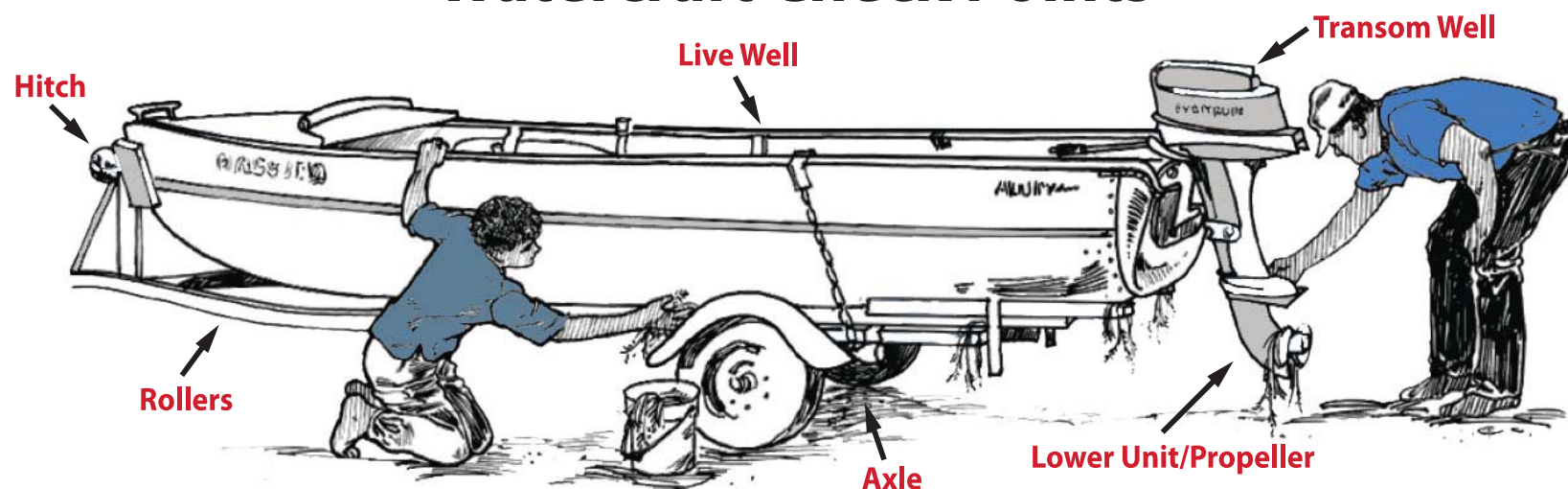


### ✓ DRY

**Dry** your boat, trailer and all equipment completely. At least 5 days of drying time is recommended. Drying times vary depending on weather & material.



## Watercraft Check Points

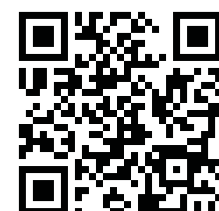


**PLEASE DO NOT DUMP BAIT, FISH, OTHER ANIMALS OR PLANTS INTO THE WATER!**



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