

Integrated Pest Management

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Anti-fouling Paints and Boat Bottom Maintenance

3.5a Best Management Practices for YOU (or Your Kids) Not to Spread Aquatic Invasive Organisms

Even if you have checked your boat and gear carefully and have taken every precaution, there is one more area you may forget to check: YOU

- Bathing suits: The interior collects a lot of junk, sand and mud and suits should be removed, inspected, and bagged until they can be laundered to kill any remaining aquatic invasive species larvae.
- Hair: Thick hair should be inspected for any clinging bits of debris or mud that may transfer aquatic invasive species inadvertently.
- Beards: Thick or long beards should be inspected for any clinging bits of debris or mud that may transfer aquatic invasive species inadvertently.
- SWIM OR SURF SHOES: Thoroughly clean the interiors of sand and mud, rinse them where potentially contaminated water cannot flow back into the main body of water, and then bag them until you can get them home and launder them or treat them with hot water.
- Jewelry: Chains and rings are great places for scraps of vegetation to get hung up in.
- Children's swim toys or floatation devices should be inspected and rinsed down on upland locations where contaminated water cannot flow back into the main body of water.
- WHEELS OF COOLERS: Remove mud and debris you may have tracked over because these can harbor aquatic invasives.

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