



The following guidance outlines the steps that should be taken by users of the above craft to minimise the spread of invasive non-native species (INNS) between inland waters.

Examples of INNS found in the UK include the Killer Shrimp and Quagga Mussel. These species can cause damage to equipment, infrastructure and habitats.

Recreational boating has the potential to spread these species across inland waters. It is therefore important for boaters to follow the steps below based on the Government's Check Clean Dry campaign.

Storage on Land

- Store the boat and outboard engine in a location where any run-off does not drain into a water body (e.g. drains, gullies or rivers).
- Return the engine to its vertical down position to drain.
- Use the general waste bin to dispose of any plant or animal material found in the prop bag.

On the Water

- If the boat is on the water but not in use and stationary for a period of time, raise the prop out of the water to minimize the risk of species entering the engine.

After Use

- Once the boat is on shore, remove all visible plant and animal material and put in the bin.
- Use freshwater to wash down all parts of the boat that have been in contact with the water (including outboard, trailer and trolley/vehicle tyres). Pay attention to any crevices.
- Drain all water from the boat, including bilges.
- Flush the engine with clean fresh water before leaving the site using appropriate equipment, flush muffs or in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Allow the water to drain completely from the engine in a vertical down position.
- Wash and dry all equipment, clothing and footwear. Drying for as long as possible is important because species can survive in damp conditions for up to two weeks.

If you have any questions please contact environment@rya.org.uk

For further information visit www.rya.org.uk/go/alienspecies

If you find any unfamiliar species please contact alert_nonnative@ceh.ac.uk

