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Clean Drain Dry Certification Requirements



The Adirondack Almanack

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Overview

- Clean, Drain, Dry Regulations

- Nav Law
- DEC/Parks Launches
- Article 9-1710

- New Amendment 1711

Requirements

Designated inspection locations



Regulatory Efforts

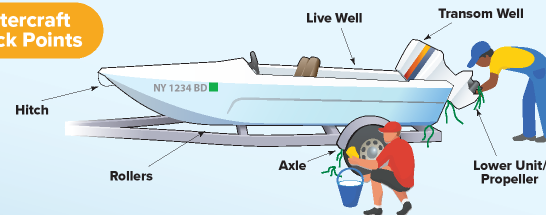
- Amendment to Article 3 of the Navigation Law – “AIS spread prevention signs at public boat launches”
- 6 NYCRR Part 59.4 (DEC) & 9 NYCRR Part 377.1 (Parks) – “AIS spread prevention regulations for boat launching/retrieving at DEC and Parks-owned sites”

PROTECT YOUR WATERS

Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are plants and animals that live in the water that are not from New York and hurt our native plants, animals, and the places they live. AIS also affect us by making boating, swimming, and fishing more difficult, making our time in the water less enjoyable. Once they are here, AIS are hard to get rid of.

Watercraft Check Points



Clean. Drain. Dry.

BOATING AND FISHING EQUIPMENT



Clean and remove all plants, animals, mud, and other items from your boat, trailer, and other equipment. Place in trash bins or AIS Disposal Stations.



Drain all water from the boat (bilge, live wells, ballast tank) and any other equipment that may hold water.



Dry boats, trailers, and all other equipment completely or let air dry for at least 5-7 days before use in another waterbody.

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



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Article 9-1710

- Cleaning, draining, and treating (i.e. drying and rinsing) must be done statewide for all watercraft types before launching into a public waterbody
- ECO's have discretionary authority to enforce the law
- Watercraft and floating docks are exempt when re-launched or installed from **same** waterbody without having been launched or installed in another waterbody



Article 9-1710 “Public waters”

“Waters” or “waters of the state” shall be construed to include lakes, bays, sounds, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, rivers, streams, creeks, estuaries, marshes, inlets, canals, the Atlantic ocean within the territorial limits of the state of New York and all other bodies of surface or underground water, natural or artificial, inland or coastal, fresh or salt, public or private (except those private waters which do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters), which are wholly or partially within or bordering the state or within its jurisdiction. ECL 17-0105(2)



Amendment to Article 9-1710 and Addition of 9-1711

- **Effective Area:** Adirondack Park and launch areas within ten miles of the Blue Line
- **Required Users:** boaters with motorized watercraft
 - Receive certification card from steward after inspection and, if needed, decontamination at **designated inspection locations**
 - Can self-certify at home and bring self-certification document to launch



Designated Inspection Stations 2022

- Covered by Adirondack Watershed Institute under DEC contract
- DEC/Parks launch or DOT roadside location
- Except Colton and Star Lake/Clifton Fine (Towns)



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All Watercraft

Are still required to Clean. Drain. Dry.

- kayaks, canoes, row boats
- floating docks
- seaplanes
- floats



All these watercraft can get self-certified or a cert card but only motorized boats are **required by law** to have a self-certification document or cert card

The Stewards' Role at Designated Inspection Stations

- Educate, do not enforce
- Avoid confrontation
 - Stewards do record boat registration numbers
- Provide regulation documents to boaters
- Provide certification cards
- Tell ECO's or Park Police of violations at launches



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Boaters visiting same location

- Only need a dated self-certification document for that lake
- Or a dated cert card for that lake



Resources

Boat Steward webpage:

- self-cert document
- FAQ sheet
- list of designated inspection locations
- interactive mapper for steward and decon locations

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Aquatic Invasive Species Boat Stewards

YouTube ▶ Watch a short video about how [you can help us stop the spread of aquatic invasive species](#) and check out other clips on DEC's YouTube Channel.

New York has more than 7,000 lakes, ponds, and rivers that could potentially be exposed to dozens of harmful [aquatic invasive species \(AIS\)](#). One of the main pathways for transfer of aquatic invasive species between waterbodies is recreational water vehicles (e.g. motor boats, canoes, kayaks, jet skis).

For this reason the top priority of the statewide [AIS management plan](#) is to expand the coverage of boat stewardship programs across the state, particularly in popular, high-use areas. In-person interactions with boaters, anglers, and other recreational water users raises awareness about aquatic invasive species and practices that reduce the chance of spreading aquatic invaders, such as cleaning, draining, and treating boats and gear. Read more about the [practices required to prevent the spread of AIS \(PDF\)](#).

In 2020 our boat stewards educated more than 500,000 water recreationists, inspected almost 350,000 watercraft at more than 200 locations, and intercepted more than 19,000 findings of aquatic invasive species.

Statewide/Watercraft Inspection Steward Program: Protecting New York's Waters

Boat stewards are volunteers or paid members of your community who help protect New York State's waters. An encounter with a steward will involve being asked if you already practice preventive measures and receiving instruction about how to inspect and "clean, drain, and treat" your watercraft and equipment. You will also be asked which waterbody you last visited so that the steward can determine if you are coming from infested waters and what species are there. Boat stewards will have access to this information for many lakes and ponds through the [Map Invasive Species](#) (lower DEC website). Boat stewards have a wealth of

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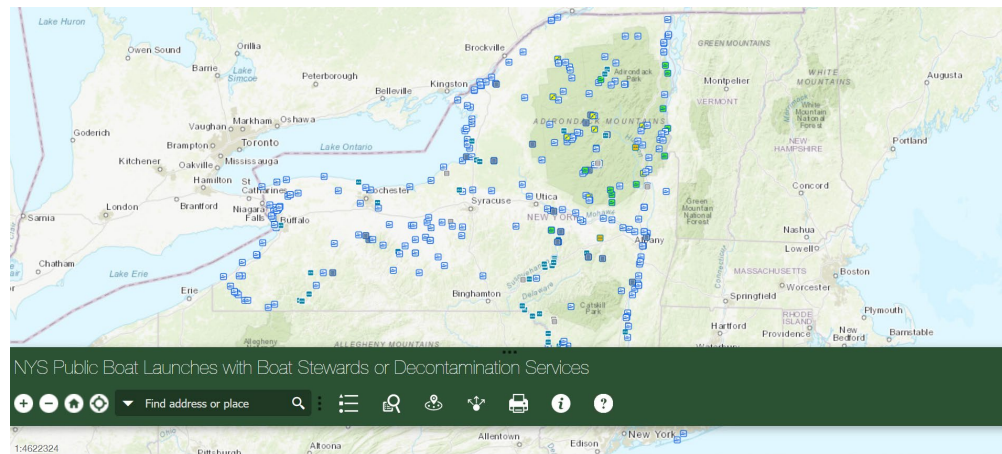
Designated Inspection Stations



Article 9-1711

NYSDEC Designated Inspection Stations 2022

1. Blue Mountain/Lake Durant, Hamilton County (Roadside decon)
2. Brant Lake, Warren County
3. Browns Tract Pond, Hamilton County
4. Buck Pond/Lake Kushaque/Rainbow Lake, Franklin County
5. Butterfield Lake, Jefferson County
6. Canada Lake/West Lake, Fulton County
7. Caroga Lake Campground, Fulton County
8. Chateaugay Lake, Clinton County
9. Chazy Lake, Clinton County
10. Colton, St. Lawrence County (Roadside decon)
11. Cranberry Lake Pine Cone Launch, St. Lawrence County
12. Cranberry Lake State Launch (Campground), St. Lawrence County
13. Fish Creek Ponds Campground, Franklin County
14. Forked Lake Campground, Hamilton County
15. Fourth Lake (Inlet), Hamilton County
16. Fourth Lake (Alger Island Campground), Hamilton County



Self-certification Document

- Print out at home
- Take preventive measures
- Fill out and sign
- Bring to boat launch



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Self-Issued Certificate
For Watercraft Prior to Launch

In accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 576, Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Prevention, the watercraft listed below has been cleaned, drained, and dried and is free of visible plant or animal matter to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Name of Operator: _____

Street Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Motorized Watercraft – Registration Number: _____

Non-motorized Watercraft

Canoe/Kayak _____

Other Watercraft, Dock (Describe): _____

Waterbody Watercraft is Launching into: _____

Date of Launch- Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Estimated Duration of Stay: _____

I understand that this self-issued certificate only authorizes the launching of this watercraft into the waterbody listed above after the watercraft has been drained and cleaned of visible plants and animals. I hereby affirm that under the penalty of perjury that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Signature of Operator: _____

Date: _____

Certification Card (Draft)

Watercraft Inspection Certificate



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This certifies compliance of the below motorized vessel with requirements of Environmental Conservation Law section 9-1710.

Date: _____

Location: _____

Watercraft Operator: _____

Watercraft Registration: _____

Services Performed: _____

DEC AWI Other: _____



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Frequently Asked Questions Sheet

Frequently Asked Questions about Clean.Drain.Dry. Regulations in the Adirondack Park

1. **What is the purpose of Cleaning, Draining and Drying?**
We know that all watercraft can transport aquatic invasive species (AIS) like Eurasian watermilfoil, hydrilla, and zebra mussels. Cleaning, draining, and drying protects New York's waters by reducing the possibility of aquatic invasive species being introduced into new waterbodies.
2. **Is cleaning, draining, and drying my boat mandatory?**
YES. New York State law requires that every boat (including motorboats, kayaks/canoes, and associated equipment) operated anywhere in the state is to be clean, drain, dry or treated before launching into a public waterbody. This requirement can be met by the boat operator OR by visiting a watercraft inspection station. At select locations watercraft inspection stewards can assist with watercraft and gear inspections and direct boaters to a decontamination station if AIS are found or suspected.
3. **What is involved in cleaning, draining, and drying?**
Follow these steps to make sure your equipment is not harboring any invasive species:
 - a. Clean any mud, plants, fish, or animals from your boating and fishing equipment (trailer bunks, axles, rollers, lights, transducers, license plates, motor props, tackle, waders, etc.) and discard the material in trash cans, at a disposal station, or well away from the waterbody, so it won't get washed in during a storm.
 - b. Drain all water holding compartments, including ballast tanks, live wells, and bilge areas, before you leave an access site.
 - c. Dry everything thoroughly before using your boat or equipment in another waterbody. (Drying times can vary but a minimum of 5-7 days in dry, warm conditions is recommended.)
 - d. Disinfect boats, trailers, and equipment when possible. Use high pressure, hot water that is at least 140 degrees F or visit a boat steward/decontamination site to perform this step. Water holding compartments including bilges and live wells should be disinfected also.
4. **What is a Watercraft Inspection Station?**
To assist the public in complying with the law requiring the Clean.Drain.Dry. standard, NYS DEC supports the Watercraft Inspection Steward Program (WISP) at popular boat ramps and roadside locations across the state. These are

Thank you!

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Blue Mountain Boat Livery



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