



Invasive-Wise Marina Program

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MARINAS

British Columbia is world-renowned for our rich aquatic and marine environments, providing habitat for an incredible range of wildlife and amazing opportunities for recreation and economic activity. However, invasive species are threatening BC's aquatic ecosystems and the species that rely on them. Boaters and the boating industry are key partners in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Invasive-Wise Marinas

The Invasive Species Council of BC and partners have developed the Invasive-Wise Marina program. Participating marinas will promote and endorse boater best management practices (BMPs) for preventing the spread of AIS for all clients. Participating marinas will receive public recognition through onsite signage and media coverage, promotion on the ISCBC and partners' websites, and recognition at provincial festivals and events.

How to Become an Invasive-Wise Marina

Becoming an Invasive-Wise Marina involves educating others on aquatic invasive species, providing resources to staff and clients, and displaying program posters and signage. Participating marinas will be provided with an Invasive-Wise Marina welcome package containing relevant resources to support program delivery for staff, volunteers and clients.

Participating marinas will receive:

An Invasive-Wise Marina Welcome Package, including:

- » Invasive-wise Marina signs
- » Clean Drain Dry Rack cards
- » Window clings
- » Vinyl decals
- » AIS in BC poster
- » CDD Commitment poster for signatures

Marinas will be asked to:

1. Promote the program through Invasive-Wise Marina signage and displaying relevant resources at the marina and online. This includes installing one or more signs, displaying the Invasive-Wise Marina window decal and AIS poster, and sharing other online resources.
2. Seek written and/or verbal commitments from all boater clientele (both long term and visitors) to Clean Drain Dry (CDD) their boats, using the resources and CDD Commitment poster provided, and by providing a link to the CDD online commitment form on the ISCBC website.



INVASIVE-WISE MARINAS: BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

- Distribute the Boater BMPs, AIS / CDD resources to staff and clients.
- Provide a water source for cleaning all boats that are removed from the water.
- Collect any suspected invasive mussels and report them immediately to the RAPP Hotline - 1-877-952-7277
- Provide a garbage bin or dumpster away from the water to collect any plant materials, debris and hull scrapings. Contain all waste and run-off when performing hull maintenance.
- Display signage, poster and window decal.
- Seek commitments from clientele to Clean Drain Dry their boats: www.bcinvasives.ca/commitments/clean-drain-dry
- Promote the use of eco-friendly, anti-fouling paint or products on boat hulls.

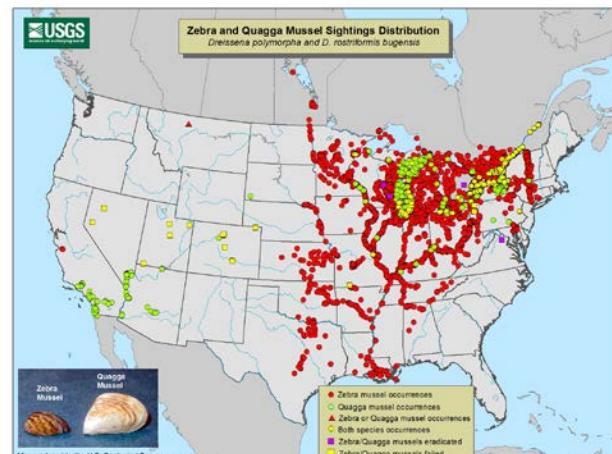
For Boats Arriving at the Marina:



- Check to see if boat has come from an area where zebra and quagga mussels are present (see map).
- Ask if arriving boats have been inspected by a BC Provincial Invasive Mussel Inspector.
- If a boat is coming from a high risk region, contact the BC provincial government at COS.Aquatic.Invasive.Species@gov.bc.ca to arrange for inspection and possible decontamination. Note: there is no charge for decontamination

For Boats Leaving the Marina for Another Waterbody:

- Ensure the boat operators Clean Drain Dry their boats before departure.
- CLEAN** off any vegetation, debris and organisms from boat, motor, anchor, trailer, equipment, clothing and gear.
- Dispose of all vegetation and debris in an appropriate garbage bin.
- DRAIN** all water from the boat motor, bilge, live wells tanks, tubs on land.
- Pull the plug when transporting their boat.
- DRY** everything completely.



Zebra and Quagga Mussel Sightings Distribution
U.S. Geological Survey (Feb 2018)

HOW TO REPORT »

- » Report Zebra or Quagga mussel sightings
RAPP Hotline 1-877-952-7277
- » Free Phone Apps
Report-a-Species
www.gov.bc.ca/invasive-species
- » Report Marine Invasive Species
Fisheries and Oceans Canada 1-888-356-7525
- » Clean Drain Dry Program
www.bcinvasives.ca/commitments/clean-drain-dry



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Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

