



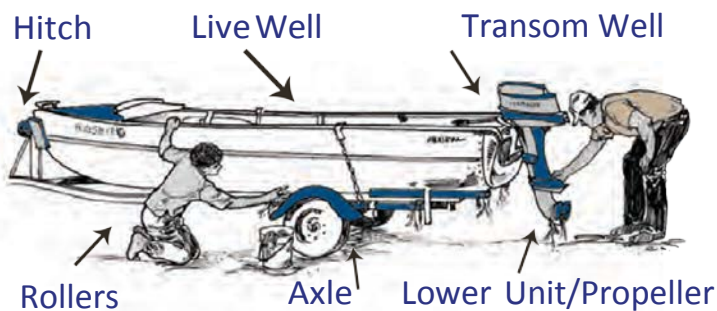
# CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS



Watch for unwanted aquatic hitchhikers when you move from one waterway to another!

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants and animals that threaten native plants, wildlife, and their habitat. AIS degrade boating and fishing areas, and can reduce lakeshore property values and tourism. Once AIS are established, containment is difficult. By practicing watercraft inspection, you can help **SLOW** the **SPREAD** of AIS.

## Watercraft check Points



Before you leave a waterway:



**CLEAN & INSPECT:** Inspect, remove, and properly dispose of any visible mud, plants, fish or organisms from boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.



**DRAIN:** Before leaving the launch, empty all water from spaces (i.e., bilges, buckets, livewells, etc.) that can hold water. Dump live bait at bait disposal sites or in the trash. Never move live bait fish between bodies of water.



**DRY:** Dry anything that comes into contact with water.

**Never release plants, fish, or other animals into a waterway unless they came from that waterway.**

# Fishing is Great

Be Careful with The Bait



## Help Prevent the Transfer of Fish Diseases & Harmful Invasive Species

- Do not move self-collected bait from one waterbody to another
- Purchase certified disease-free bait
- Do not dispose of unwanted bait in the water
- Disinfect livewells and bilges
- Allow all equipment (including boots, boats & trailers) to dry thoroughly before traveling to a different waterbody



The possession of invasive rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) is prohibited in New York State.

To view official bait regulations, and the NYS Prohibited & Regulated Invasive Animal List visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov>



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