

Let's protect & preserve our lakes

We're committed to maintaining the lake's health and beauty and trust that you will join us in that effort.

There are three major and related threats to our lake:

- **Runoff carrying nutrients such as phosphates into the water which contributes to algae blooms**
- **Invasive plants and animals that are introduced from other lakes and rivers.**
 - **Erosion on our shoreline from boat wakes**

Recent torrential rain storms and higher temperatures have intensified runoff and algae growth. Invasives spread easily but are difficult and very costly to eradicate. Strong waves from watercraft driven near the shore cause significant erosion.

What can you do? BE LAKE SMART!

- **Be sure none of the products you use contain phosphates.**
- **Your watercraft could be carrying invasives if it has been on any other body of water and not been cleaned properly. Even a dried out fragment getting wet again can create an invasive problem weeks later.**

Clean your boat, canoe, kayaks and fishing gear before launching. See reverse.
- **No wake on a watercraft within 200' of the shore. Strong waves hitting the shore cause erosion which enables harmful pollution to wash into the lake.**
- **Walk on defined paths to protect vegetation, a lake's best friend.**



These threats are present at all lakes, so be lake smart wherever you go! If you want more information about boat inspections, erosion control and invasives, check LAON's website.

www.NorwayLakes.org

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

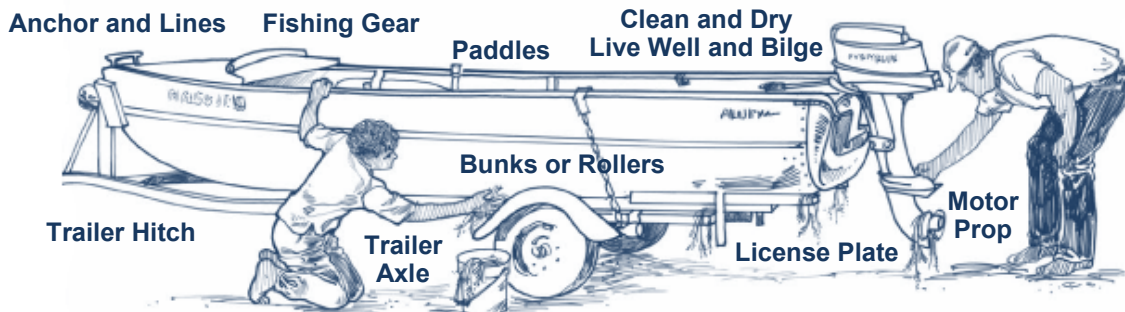
**Do your part:
Protect Maine waters
from invasive plants
and animals.**



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!™**

Maine Law (Public Law 2023 Chapter 190) states: Prior to entering a water body and when preparing to leave launch sites, boaters are required to remove or open any devices designed for routine removal/opening (for example, hull drain plugs, bailers, live wells, ballast tanks) to encourage draining of areas containing water (excluding live bait containers). This must be done in a way that does not allow drained water to enter any inland water of the state.

CLEAN boat, trailer, jet ski, canoe, kayak, and fishing & other lake gear. **DRAIN** and let **DRY**.



Funds from invasive species sticker sales protect native Maine plants, animals and habitat.

To register your boat & get your required sticker please visit
the Norway town office or go online to:
www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/boating/protection-sticker.html



It is unlawful to place a watercraft that is contaminated with an invasive aquatic plant upon the inland waters of the state. (Title 12, Section 13068-A)

Avoid fines by making sure that you are not transporting aquatic plants.

Up to **\$2,500** for transporting **any** aquatic plant

Up to **\$250** for failing to affix the Lake & River Protection Sticker to any motorized craft

CLEAN plant debris, mud and algae from all watercraft and fishing gear and dispose in trash.

DRAIN live well, bilge water, and engine water away from waterbody.

DRY any gear that comes in contact with water.