

**BOATERS MUST FILL OUT THIS  
*CLEAN BOAT CERTIFICATION*  
BEFORE LAUNCHING THEIR BOAT\***



**WHY IS THIS REQUIRED?**

- Zebra Mussels are an Aquatic Invasive Species that can spread rapidly due to their biology and can significantly alter the ecology of a water body and attach themselves to boats hulls and propellers, dock pilings, water intake pipes and aquatic animals. In July 2009 Zebra Mussels were discovered for the first time in Massachusetts, in Laurel Lake in Lee/Lenox.
- WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD BY FILLING OUT THIS FORM. FAILURE TO SELF CERTIFY IS A VIOLATION OF 320 CMR 2.00, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A FINE AND PENALTIES.

*\*This self certification form is required for use of state boat ramps at water bodies located in the Hoosic and Housatonic watersheds.*

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LAUNCHING**

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. In the last 30 days, has your boat been used in any of the following waters, all likely affected by zebra or quagga mussels:

1. Laurel Lake, Lee/Lenox, Massachusetts  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
2. East/West Twin Lakes, Connecticut  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
3. Lake Champlain, Vermont  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
4. Lake George, New York  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
5. Hudson River, New York  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
6. Any of the Great Lakes  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If you answered “No” to all questions in Section A, and to the best of your knowledge your boat is free of all other aquatic invasive species, sign this form on the reverse side and launch your boat.

If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions in Section A above, please see the reverse side of this form.

If you answered "Yes" to any question in Section A, DECONTAMINATE as described below.

**B. DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES**

**B1. SELF DECONTAMINATION**

CLEAN all plants, fish, mussels and mud from boat

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

DRAIN all water (bilge, livewells, motor)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

DRY (at least one week in hot/dry weather; at least 18 days in cool/wet weather)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**IF YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR WATERCRAFT DRY,**

WASH your boat's hull, trailer, equipment, and any other exposed surfaces, and the inside of your bilge area, livewell, and engine cooling system with:

- 1) High-pressure, hot water AND
- 2) Household bleach (1/2 cup per 2 cups water) OR
- 3) 100% Vinegar OR
- 4) 1% Salt Bath (as NaCl) (1/8 cup per 1 gallon water).

**B2. PROFESSIONAL DECONTAMINATION**

You may also use a professional car wash, provided it can apply scalding water (140 degree F) to wash your boat and trailer and to flush your bilge, livewells and motor.

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Commercial Wash Company    Agent Signature    Date

# PLACE THIS SIDE OF CERTIFICATE FACING UP ON YOUR DASHBOARD

## SIGN A NEW LINE BELOW FOR EACH VISIT

<b>CERTIFICATE OF DECONTAMINATION</b> My boat is clean and I have not put it in any waters listed in Section A; or I have decontaminated my boat and trailer as outlined in Section B1 or B2. <u>Circle one:</u> →    Self Decontamination      Professional Decontamination  <u>Sign and Date</u> → _____ Boater's signature and date (not valid unless signed and dated)
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