

**Note: Prevent the Spread of Zebra Mussels and Invasive Plants**

**Attention Boaters:** Zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Zoar and Lake Lillinonah on October 2010. This is the first new report of zebra mussels in Connecticut since 1998 when they were discovered in East and West Twin Lakes in Salisbury.

**Practice Clean, Drain, Dry**

**Before Leaving a Boat Launch:**

- **Clean:** all visible plant, fish, and animals as well as mud or other debris. Do not transport them home.
- **Drain:** all water from every space and item that may hold water.

**Home Or Prior To Your Next Launch:**

- **Dry:** anything that comes in contact with water (boats, trailers, anchors, propellers, etc) for a minimum of 1 week during hot/dry weather or a minimum of 4 weeks during cool/wet weather.

**If Drying Is Not Possible,** you must clean your boat prior to the next launch.

The techniques listed below are for decontaminating your vessel:

- Wash your boat with hot, pressurized water

**Or**

- Dip equipment in 100% vinegar for 20 minutes prior to rinsing.

**Or**

- Wash with a 1% salt solution (2/3 cup to 5 gallons water) and leave on for 24 hours prior to rinsing.

**Or**

- "Wet" with bleach solution (1 oz to 1 gallon water) or soap and hot water (Lysol, boat soap, etc) for 10 minutes prior to rinsing.