

# PULL THE PLUG ON AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Invasive plants and animals can degrade the health of our lake and make it dangerous to recreate in. Halfmoon Lake has an aggressive, on-going program to manage and help eliminate any invasive plants.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP HALFMOON LAKE A BOATING AND SWIMMING PARADISE!

## Before leaving Any Launch Area



**CLEAN** off all mud, plants, animals, and debris from your boat, trailer, and equipment. Clean off anchors and anchor lines, water intake grates on jet-powered craft, kayak and canoe cockpits, storage compartments, and paddles, too!



**DRAIN** the motor, bilge, live wells, ballast tanks, storage compartments, and gear where the water won't flow back into the lake—*avoid draining while on the ramp incline*. Blow out water in jet-powered craft and tip paddle craft and motors to let out water. **OPEN/REMOVE** all drain plugs and keep them out/open while trailering.



**DRY** off anything that came in contact with the water to remove invasive species not easily seen. If launching your boat again within 5 days, thoroughly rinse with clean water away from waterbodies and towel dry—rinsing with high pressure, high temperature water is best.

**\*THIS IS NOW A NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LAW—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017\***

When transporting boats between waterbodies:

- ALL fragments of vegetation & animals must be removed before leaving the launch area.
- ALL drain plugs must be REMOVED or in the OPEN position. (NH RSA 487:16-d)
- Stiff fines may be imposed on boat owners who do not comply.

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