

## **Zebra Mussel Prevention Tips**

**Inspect** - Thoroughly inspect your boat's hull, drive unit, trim plates, trolling plates, prop guards, transducers, centerboards, rollers, axles, anchor, anchor rope and trailer. Scrape off and trash any suspected mussels, however small. Remove all water weeds hanging from the boat or trailer before leaving any water body. Aquatic vegetation can carry mussels.

**Drain** - Drain water from the motor, livewell, bilge and transom wells and any other water from your boat and equipment while on land before leaving any water body.

**Dump** - Trash leftover bait on land, away from water, before leaving any water body. Leftover live aquatic bait that has contacted infested waters should not be taken to uninfested waters.

**Rinse** - When you get home--before launching your boat into uninfested waters--thoroughly rinse and dry the hull, drive unit, livewells (and livewell pumping system), bilge, trailer, bait buckets, engine cooling system and other boat parts that got wet while in infested waters; use a hard spray from a garden hose.

**Dry** - Boats, motors and trailers should be allowed to dry thoroughly in the sun for at least five days before boating again.

Please help us prevent the introduction of Zebra Mussels into Lake Lemon. If you have any questions/concerns or believe you have zebra mussels please contact the LLCD Office.

Thanks,

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