

CLEAN BOATS



CLEAN WATERS

SUNSET LAKE ASSOCIATION

Sunset Lake Association and its members are asking for your help in keeping Sunset Lake healthy and free of any invasive weeds. We have been successful in staying ahead of the issue but once it finds a home it is difficult to control and could become very expensive to eliminate.

CLEAN

**off any mud, plants,
and animals from
boats, trailers
and equipment**

DRAIN

**your boat and
equipment away
from the water**

DRY

**anything that
comes into contact
with the water**

This applies to all watercraft, motorized, and non-motorized and is important for everyone to be aware of before leaving the launch. Keeping all your gear, craft, fishing, and recreational equipment free of exotic plants from potentially inhabiting Sunset Lake is a responsibility we all need to partake in. Attached is a recommended cleaning procedure that should be performed on all watercraft before leaving the launch area. If you have a visiting boater wanting to launch their canoe, kayak or any form of craft from your property you should suggest they follow the cleaning procedure in the back of this flyer before visiting.

Unfortunately, our water bodies in New Hampshire and through the country are under attack from invading aquatic nuisance species. If you move your craft between bodies of water you should exercise this procedure to prevent the possibility of carrying Milfoil, Fanwort or other invasive vegetation into Sunset Lake. Not only do they crowd out native plants, they affect people by fouling boating, swimming, fishing areas and reduce shoreline property values.

The more we are aware of these invasive weeds and how they travel between bodies of water to, the better we can control and prevent them from invading Sunset Lake. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Clean

Before boating and before leaving the launch, remove all visible plants and other debris from your boat, trailer, and other recreational gear, and dispose of it in a trash container.

Drain

After boating and before leaving the launch, drain water from bilge, live wells, and bait buckets.

Dry

Before boating again, dry the boat, trailer, and other equipment and recreational gear that has come in contact with water. At least five days of drying time is recommended. And, if possible, rinse your boat and gear off after every use – the hotter and higher the pressure of the water, the better. Ensure that rinse water does not enter surface waters. (Commercial hot water car washes work well.)

