

Minnesota B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

AIS Prevention: Inspect, Clean, Dry

Boat owner will visually and tactilely inspect watercraft focused on all exterior and interior surfaces, areas of standing/trapped water, trailer and equipment to determine the presence or likelihood of aquatic hitchhikers especially zebra mussels.

The following are areas of watercraft inspection:

Boat

Bilge – Run bilge until all water is removed

Carpet

Drain plug

Hull

Livewells

Transducer

Trolling motor prop/carriage

Motor - Lower motor to drain all water

Prop

Water intake (use LED flashlight to check for vegetation and veligers)

Trailer

Bunks/Rollers

Cross-members

Fenders

License plate bracket

Light brackets

Other Fishing Equipment

Anchor/Rope

Bait Buckets – Empty upon leaving

Down-riggers and planing boards

PFD's

Fishing Rods/Reels

Stringers

Reminder:

Hot pressure wash with 140F water and let dry 5 days.

Also make sure livewell and drain plugs are pulled—it is the law.