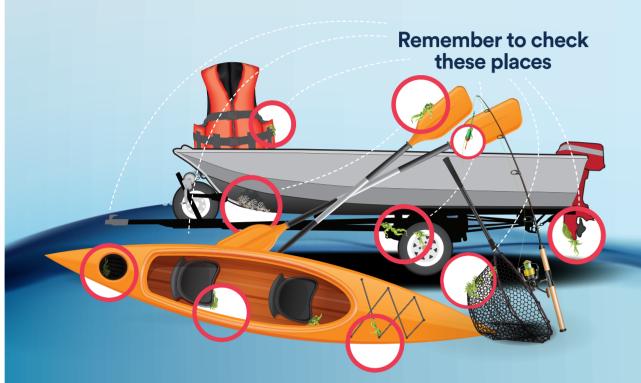
# WASHDOWN STATION



#### **ON ARRIVAL**

YES

Has your boat and kit been cleaned (ideally using hot water) and dried thoroughly since you last used it\*?

#### NO OR NOT SURE

Use the wash down facilities to clean everything to make sure you aren't carrying invasive species

HEAD TO THE WATER

**AFTER YOU LEAVE THE WATER** 

PROTECT YOUR WATERS

Invasive non-native species are a threat to our waters and the activities you enjoy. You could be unknowingly carrying them on your damp boat, equipment and clothing.

These facilities have been provided to help you keep your kit free of invasive species.

Thank you for helping to protect our waters.

CHECK

**ON SITE** 

Check your

boat and kit for

plants, mud, and

aquatic animals and

remove at the

water body

## CLEAN

#### **ON SITE**

Use the washdown facilities to clean everything thoroughly

#### **AT HOME**

If the facilities aren't available, remember to clean everything at home, ideally with water from the hot tap (take care)



#### **AT HOME**

Dry everything
thoroughly before
using it elsewhere,
invasive species
can survive over two
weeks on damp
equipment

Reapply antifouling to boats annually

\*dried thoroughly means it has been dried in sunlight (ideally) to kill disease, or hung to dry for at least 48 hours.

Find out more at nonnnativespecies.org/checkcleandry
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### WHAT ARE INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES?

Non-native species are plants and animals that are not normally found in UK waters and have been accidentally or intentionally introduced by people. Some of these are invasive and pose a threat to our native species, habitats and hobbies.

### Below are a few examples of their impacts:



Freshwater
plants like floating
pennywort block
waterways preventing
paddling, boating
and fishing

Tiny invasive
mussels form dense
colonies which can
cover the underside
of boats and clog
propellers





Diseases such as Koi Herpes Virus kill fish and can close fisheries

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Invasive non-native species can survive out of water on damp clothing and equipment for over 14 days?

Images from Environment Agency and David Aldridge