WASHDOWN STATION

ON ARRIVAL
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

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

DRY
AT HOME
Dry everything thoroughly before using it elsewhere, invasive species can survive over two weeks on damp equipment.
Reapply antifouling to boats annually

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.

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.

*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 nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandy
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