

# CLEAN YOUR BOAT. SAVE YOUR LAKE.

**CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR  
BOAT, TRAILER AND GEAR**

The following partners are helping stop the spread of invasive species.

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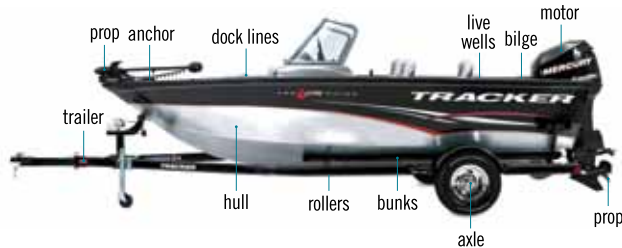
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## INVASIVE SPECIES HIDE HERE.





**Zebra Mussels. What are they?** Small, freshwater mussels—the larvae are microscopic and adults are usually less than 1 1/2 inches long. They're already in Lake Texoma and are spread from lake to lake by unsuspecting boaters. **Why should I care?** They cling to boat hulls and plug your motor's cooling system. They hinder water recreation, destroy aquatic ecosystems, ruin beaches, and damage municipal water supplies and intake structures. **What to do? Clean, Drain and Dry.** Remove all debris from the boat and trailer. Drain all water from the boat, engine and bait bucket. Then let it dry for at least a week or wash it with high-pressure, hot, soapy water before boating on another waterbody.



**Giant Salvinia. What is it?** An invasive, free-floating aquatic fern that can double in size in a few days and form a mat three feet thick, taking over lakes and other waterbodies. It is in many Texas lakes already. **Why should I care?** It prevents light from entering the water, stopping growth of tiny organisms that form the base of the food chain and choking out all life below. It can damage ecosystems and make fishing, boating and other water recreation impossible. **What to do? Clean, Drain and Dry.** Remove all plants from your boat and trailer and discard them in the trash.



**Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS). What is it?** A deadly virus affecting many species of freshwater and saltwater fish. Spread by sick fish, contaminated water and boaters. It's not in Texas yet—let's keep it that way. **Why should I care?** VHS kills large numbers of fish including bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Signs include dark color, exophthalmia (popeye), anemia and hemorrhaging. Currently there is no cure or treatment for VHS. **What to do? Clean, Drain and Dry.** Remove mud, water and plants on your boat, trailer and bait buckets. Report any suspicious fish kill to TPWD at (512) 389-4848 and never move fish from one lake to another.