

## CNY BOAT SHOW

## Clean & Safe Boating campaign to focus on slowing aquatic invasive species

**N**ew York Sea Grant, the Boating Industries Association of Upstate New York (BIA), and Marathon Boat Group have announced that clean and safe boating and how boaters, anglers and other water recreation users can prevent and slow the spread of aquatic invasive species in New York waters will be the focus of the 2011 Discover Clean & Safe Boating campaign. The announcement was made at the BIA's December 9th meeting in Cicero.

"We are excited to travel through the Great Lakes region to talk with the diverse types of groups and individuals about clean and safe boating and the opportunity they have to make a positive impact on the spread of aquatic invasive species by following easy-to-implement practices," says campaign developer and New York Sea Grant Coastal Recreation and Tourism Specialist Dave White.

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Photo courtesy BIA

**New York Sea Grant Recreation & Tourism Specialist Dave White (left), and John Jackson, Marathon Boat Group, with the 2011 Discover Clean & Safe Boating Exhibit fishing boat. The exhibit provides information from the national Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers project; the 16-foot "made in New York" Grumman Oneida will be equipped with the gear required and recommended for clean & safe boating on New York waters.**

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## STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
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### Join the fight against aquatic invasive species

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Marina Dock Age

**M**arina Dock Age magazine has identified aquatic invasive species as a 2011 marine trend focus area. Zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil, for example, can clog water intakes, cause boat motors to overheat, and ruin engines. The mussels can attach to equipment and jam steering gear. They can also attach to docks and pilings. When the mussels wash onshore, their sharp-edged shells can cut the barefoot swimmers and beach-combers.

Marina Dock Age Editor Anna Townsend urges, “Marinas and boaters need to take efforts to prevent infestation in unaffected waters. Where mussels are already established, specific practices can help manage their spread to other waters.”

The 2011 Discover Clean and Safe Boating campaign — a collaboration by New York Sea Grant, the Boating Industries Association of Upstate NY, Yamaha/Clayton Marina, Marathon Boat Group, and the national Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers project — will share information on easy practices boaters can follow to help reduce the spread of unwanted species from water body to water body. For example, before leaving a body of water:

- Remove all mud, plants, and debris from boats, equipment, paddles, trailers, buckets, boots and clothing
- Remove water from motors, jet drives, live wells, bilge, boat hulls, scuba tanks, boots, waders, bait buckets, canoes, kayaks, etc.
- Use hot, salt or vinegar water or high pressure wash to clean equipment; allow equipment to dry for five days before entering new waters
- Wash the family dog, including his feet, if it has been in the water or boating with you
- Do not release catch or unused bait from another area into new waters.
- Information on more than two dozen aquatic invasive species — including “Killer” and bloody red (hemimysis) shrimp, gribbles, Chinese mitten crab, round and monkey goby, rudd, spiny water flea, Asian and green clams, and invasive mussels — is posted online at [nyis.info](http://nyis.info). Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers information is online at [protectyourwaters.net](http://protectyourwaters.net).