



Special Items





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By the end of this unit, the participant will be able to:

1. Understand the role of the National Association of State Boating Laws Administrators (NASBLA) and state contacts for specific state regulations that may pertain to them
2. Identify and take the appropriate steps to reduce the spread of aquatic nuisance species by boat
3. Safely navigate in and around locks, dams and bridges
4. State the purpose of the Vessel Traffic Service
5. Comply with law enforcement boat boardings



National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

<http://www.nasbla.org>

- Association that represents recreational boating in the U.S. and territories.
- Mission is to reduce:
 - Death
 - Injury
 - Property Damage





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- Strategic Goals to Achieve Mission:
 - Provide National Leadership
 - Provide Models for Uniformity Among States
 - Provide Development Opportunities
 - Set High Standards for Performance
- Download state boating agencies



Aquatic Nuisance Species

Steps you can take

- Inspect your vessel and trailer, removing any nuisance species you see before leaving the waterway.
- Drain your motor, live well, and bilge on land before leaving the waterway.
- Empty your bait bucket on land. Never release live bait into a waterway or release aquatic animals from one waterway into another.
- Wash your boat, trailer and equipment.



Aquatic Nuisance Species

- Steps can be followed to help prevent the spread of exotics (Page 14-6):
 - Inspect/remove
 - Rinse all
 - Drain/flush
 - Dry out



Aquatic Nuisance Species

Steps you can take (Cont.)

- Air dry your vessel and equipment for as long as possible.
- Flush the engine's cooling system with hot water.
- Apply anti-fouling materials such as paint and films to vessel hulls, trim tabs, water ports, transducers and swimming platforms to discourage zebra mussel attachment.



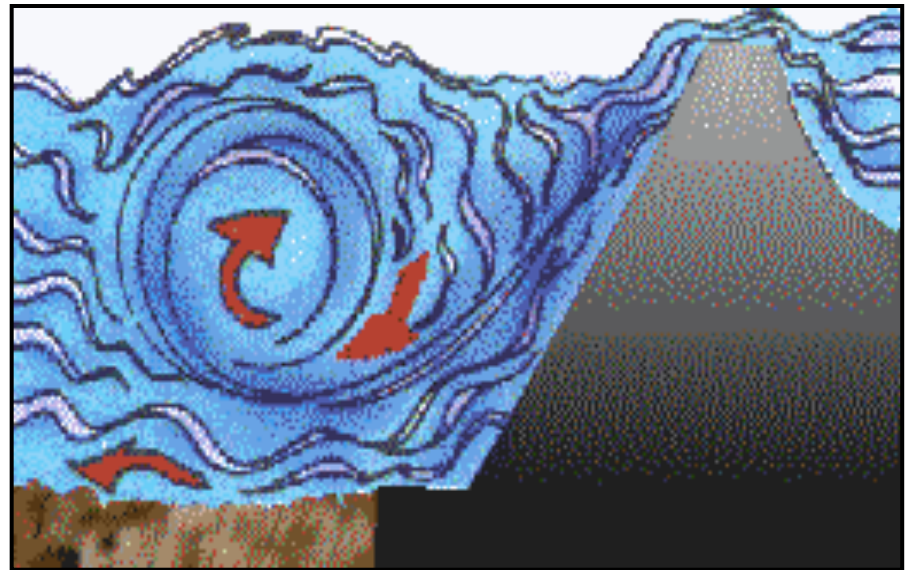
Locks

- Follow the lockmaster's instructions precisely
- Prior to entering the lock, rig fenders on both sides of vessel
- Once secure in the lock, shut off engine



Dams

- Always pay attention to warning signs, markers, or buoys
- Keep clear of any dam



Bridges

- Slow down, check surroundings
- Know your boat clearance
- Be careful of other boats and debris
- Contact bridge operator if drawbridge



Vessel Traffic Service

- Marine monitoring program
- Common in harbors and ports
- Radar, Closed Circuit TV, VHF
- Provides safe navigational assistance



Law Enforcement Boardings

- Stop your boat if hailed by law enforcement
- Comply with boarding
- Know what you need to be compliant with state and federal regulations



NOAA Guidelines for Viewing Marine Mammals

- Remain at least 100yds. away
- Ensure your actions do not cause a change in behavior of the marine mammals
- Do not trap mammals with your boat, always leave them an escape route
- If approached by marine mammals, slow down and shift to neutral





NOAA Guidelines for Viewing Marine Mammals (cont.)

- Do not crowd other viewing vessels, keep viewing time to less than 1/2 hour
- Do not cross paths of marine mammals, parallel their routes
- Avoid excessive or sudden changes in speed in the vicinity of marine mammals
- If sitting silent with engine off, occasionally tap motor to make noise to avoid marine mammals surfacing into the boat