

# Calling all Boaters

## Help stop the Invasion!

**STOP  
THE  
SPREAD**

Invasive plants and animals harm our marine wildlife. They overgrow hard surfaces and damage boats. Contaminated gear and boats can cause their spread.

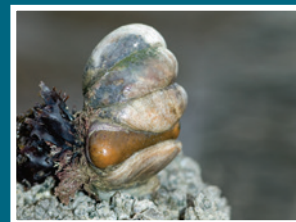
Report any invasive species you find, including:



CARPET SEA SQUIRT



WAKAME



SLIPPER LIMPET

Protect the marine environment and sport you enjoy by keeping your boat and kit free of invasive species

**CHECK**

**Check** boats, equipment and clothing after leaving the water for fouling or plant material. Remove anything you find and put it in the bin. Reapply anti-fouling annually.

**CLEAN**

**Clean** everything thoroughly with freshwater as soon as you can, paying attention to ropes, bilges, trailers, and areas that are damp and hard to access. Wash your anchor and chain before leaving an anchorage.

**DRY**

**Dry** – drain water from every part of your boat and trailer before leaving the site. Dry everything until dry for at least 48 hours before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for weeks in damp conditions.

**Disinfect** all items if complete drying is not possible.

**Remember to  
check these places**



An Roinn Tithíochta,  
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Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage



Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:

[invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry](https://invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry)