

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) STAMP

Important changes for boaters in the 2025 boating season.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling>



2025 AIS STAMP OPTIONS (Effective October 1, 2024)

There are two options to purchase your AIS Stamp:

- Option 1 - Individual AIS Stamp (\$7.00 per operator)
 - The AIS Stamp is assigned to the individual purchasing the stamp.
 - Proof-of-purchase is displayed on that individual's Sportsmen Conservation License as a privilege similar to a fishing or hunting license.
- Option 2 - Vessel AIS Decal (\$25.00 per boat)
 - The decal covers all operators of a specific vessel.
 - The decal also serves as an Individual AIS Stamp for the individual purchasing the stamp.
 - A decal will be mailed to the purchaser and must be affixed to the vessel.
 - Proof-of-purchase is the affixed decal on the vessel and is also displayed on the boater's Sportsmen Conservation License as a privilege similar to a fishing or hunting license.
 - Cost includes a \$5.00 processing fee.

2024 AIS STAMP OVERVIEW

- AIS Stamp fees were included in Connecticut vessel registrations purchased prior to September 30, 2024.
- As of October 1, 2024, the AIS Stamp fees are no longer included with Connecticut vessel registrations and now must be purchased through the Online Sportsmen Licensing System.
- Operators of out-of-state registered vessels purchased their AIS Stamp through the Online Sportsmen Licensing System.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING THE AIS STAMP DECAL TO YOUR VESSEL

The Vessel AIS Decal must be placed amidship on the port side of your vessel. You have the option of attaching it to the hull of the vessel or at the operator's station.

WHERE DO THE AIS STAMP FEES GO?

All AIS Stamp fees collected are deposited into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation Account. Through this account DEEP provides funding for a competitive grant process to state and municipal agencies, as well as non-profit organizations. These grant funds are utilized to control the spread of AIS, conduct research on Connecticut's lakes, rivers, and ponds, and enhance public awareness.

If you have additional questions, contact DEEP Boating at deep.boating@ct.gov or 860-434-8638.

DO I NEED AN AIS STAMP?

- ✓ 1. Are you operating on Connecticut's inland waters?
- ✓ 2. Are you operating a vessel which is required to display a registration decal?

IF YES TO BOTH, THEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE AN AIS STAMP OR DECAL.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- The AIS Stamp law is applicable both to Connecticut boaters and those from out-of-state.
- The Individual AIS Stamp or Vessel AIS Decal can be purchased through the Online Sportsmen Licensing system or in-person at an outdoor equipment retailer agent or Town Clerk.
- The AIS Stamp is valid for the calendar year in which it was purchased.
- The demarcation line for inland waters on rivers is the same used for inland fishing licenses.
- Boaters only need to purchase either the Individual AIS Stamp or the Vessel AIS Decal to be in compliance.

SCAN TO PURCHASE YOUR AIS STAMP



Or visit:
<https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales>

PREVENT THE SPREAD

Of Aquatic Invasive Species

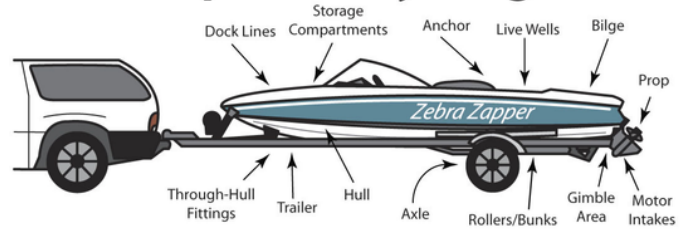
Boaters can help prevent the spread of invasive plants. Inspecting your vessel can prevent the spread among waterbodies.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Be A Good Steward. Clean. Drain. Dry.
StopAquaticHitchhikers.org

Before leaving and before launching...
inspect everything!



All aquatic plants and debris from boat and trailer and dispose of properly.

CLEAN

DRAIN

All water from your boat and trailer.

Equipment for one week in hot dry weather or four weeks in cool wet weather before entering new waters.

DRY

OR WASH

With hot, high-pressure water, a saltwater solution, 100% vinegar, 10% bleach, or detergent.



IT'S THE LAW! It is illegal to transport on a boat or trailer ANY VEGETATION and the following aquatic invasive species (CGS 15-180): Zebra Mussel, Quagga mussel, Chinese mitten crab, New Zealand mud snail, Asian clam, Rusty crayfish (see RCSA 26-55-5).

THE FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION IS \$95.00.