

HOW CAN YOU MANAGE MARINE BIOFOULING ON YOUR RECREATIONAL BOAT?

WHAT IS RECREATIONAL BOAT BIOFOULING?

Biofouling refers to organisms attached to or associated with underwater or wetted surfaces of a vessel. Recreational boat biofouling can occur on the hull of your boat and on a variety of recesses and appendages collectively referred to as niche areas (e.g. propellers, rudders, intakes).

WHY IS MANAGING RECREATIONAL BOAT BIOFOULING IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Managing biofouling protects your investment, saves fuel, and prevents the spread of aquatic invasive species.

DID YOU KNOW? ►►►►►►►►►►►►►►►►

BIOFOULING IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.

Aquatic invasive species are non-native species that threaten the diversity or abundance of native species, the ecological stability of infested waters, or any commercial, agricultural, aquacultural, or recreational activities dependent on such waters.



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**USE BEST PRACTICES DESCRIBED
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS HANDOUT TO
MANAGE BIOFOULING ON YOUR BOAT**

