

Cleaning Personal Watercraft

1. **Avoid running craft through aquatic plants** because this may damage the craft, plug water intakes, and increase mussel contamination.
2. **Stop the engine** when water activities cease.
3. **Push or winch craft** onto the trailer, without running the engine.
4. **Remove the craft from the water** and **away from the launch ramp** for vessel inspection and cleaning.
5. **After completing the basic checklist, inspect and clean** all of the systems and components that apply specifically to the craft.
6. **Start and run the engine** for five to 10 seconds to blow out water and contaminants from the underbody jet drive system.
7. **Stop the engine** and **remove all plants, mud, and other contaminants** from the steering nozzle and the rest of the hull.
8. **Check underneath the craft for Quagga/Zebra mussels**, especially the water intake area (including the edges of the intake grate).
9. **Dry any pockets** that may be wet or holding water.
10. **Drain any ballasts** on the craft, **rinse with hot water**, and **allow to dry**.



Personal watercraft should be drained of all water, washed, and dried.

The steering nozzle should be inspected for aquatic weeds that might have mussels.



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