

## UPPER SARANAC FOUNDATION watershed-wide

### "CLEAN, DRAINED, AND DRY (OR DECONTAMINATED)" STANDARD

Eagle Island requires that all boats launching from its launch are in full compliance with the Upper Saranac Foundation's watershed-wide policy of "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)" standard.

- **CLEAN:** Remove all visible plants, animals, fish, and mud from your boat, trailer, or other equipment and dispose of in a suitable trash container, AIS disposal station or on dry land.
- **DRAIN:** Drain water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks, and any other components containing water at a distance from the waterbody and in such a manner to avoid contact of the drainage with the waterbody. For personal watercraft only, run the motor out of water for five seconds, unless advised differently by the manufacturer, and at a distance from the waterbody and in such a manner to avoid contact of the drainage with the public waterbody.
- **DRY:** Before you arrive at the launch to go boating: Dry your boat, trailer, and all equipment completely. Drying times vary depending on the weather and the type of material. If possible, leave it out in the sun to dry. At least five-seven days of drying time is generally recommended during the summer.
- **DECONTAMINATION:** If watercraft was previously used in a different waterbody and you want to use your boat sooner than five-seven days, boats will need to be decontaminated utilizing high pressure (2,500 psi for equipment and hulls and low pressure for interior compartments) and hot water (140 degrees);

Because Environmental Conservation Law provides that no person shall launch a watercraft unless it can be demonstrated that reasonable precautions were made to prevent the spread of invasive species, the USF is requesting private entities to require all watercraft arriving from a different waterbody and not already determined to be in compliance, and tagged "clean", be assessed by a Watershed Steward Inspector to determine compliance with the "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)" standard prior to launching in the Upper Saranac Watershed.

# DECONTAMINATION SITES

## BACK BAY BOAT Launch (Saranac Inn)

**Directions:** At Saranac Inn, ½ mile from Route 30

located at the intersection of County Route 46 and Back Bay Road

**Site Details:** Hard surface ramp with parking for 50 cars and trailers

**Accessibility Details:** Designated accessible parking, accessible privy and path with ramp to loading dock

**Boat Inspection Stewards** are at the Back Bay Boat Launch 7days/week from Memorial Day until Labor Day, and on weekends through late September or Early October, weather and availability dependent.

There is a cold water rinse area at the Back Bay site that is available 24/7 as a self-serve way to clean boats and trailers.

This rinse area is available from Memorial Day – first frost.

## Fish Creek Campground boat launch

**Directions:** On Route 30, 12 miles east of the Village of Tupper Lake.

Hard surface launch ramp.

Parking for 15 cars and trailers.

## Upper Saranac Lake - Indian Carry:

**Directions:** On Route 3, 8 miles east of the Village of Tupper Lake.

Beach launching.

Parking for 18 cars.

New York State law prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species and mandates that all aquatic and animal material be removed from boats and trailers, and bilges be drained before entering or upon exiting boat launches and fishing access sites.