Clean Boats / Clean Waters 2025 Training Schedule

With the growing concern of aquatic invasive species (AIS) threatening the health of our Northwoods water resources, many lake residents and other concerned citizens are looking for ways to protect the lakes they love. Since 2004, the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Watercraft Inspection program has provided an effective, easy, and indispensable method for trained watercraft inspectors to help prevent the spread of AIS at the landings. Through the CBCW program, inspectors check boats and trailers for AIS before boaters launch and before they leave a waterbody. Inspectors also teach boaters, anglers, and water enthusiasts how and where AIS are most likely to hitch a ride into new waters and the steps to prevent the spread of AIS.

If you would like to become a watercraft inspector, or need a refresher before the opening of fishing season, a free CBCW training can show you how. The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department's Aquatic Invasive Species Program is offering seven CBCW trainings this spring: two virtual trainings on Zoom and five in-person trainings at area boat landings. The virtual trainings are in partnership and co-hosted with Vilas County Land & Water and FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Marinette and Oconto Waterways). All trainings are for new and seasoned watercraft inspectors throughout the Northwoods.

Virtual Trainings on Zoom:

Tuesday, April 22, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Register in advance for this Zoom meeting: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/XQxGEnCHRw-RSpeQcj7-fw</u>

Monday, May 5, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Register in advance for this Zoom meeting: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/jKM53guMQNue8Z48O0phkg</u>

In-Person Trainings at Local Boat Landings:

Register in advance for an in-person training at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A5A928A1F94-55281897-clean

Tuesday, May 6, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Pelican Lake Boat Landing, CTH G, Pelican Lake

Tuesday, May 13, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Lake Nokomis Boat Landing, CTH N, Tomahawk

Thursday, May 15, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Boom Lake Boat Landing at Hodag Park, Rhinelander

Tuesday, May 20, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Lake Tomahawk Boat Landing, Town Bay Rd, Lake Tomahawk

Thursday, May 22, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Cy Williams Park Picnic Shelter, <u>1704 Superior St,</u> <u>Three Lakes</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training. If you are unable to open the link, please visit the Events page at <u>www.oclw.org</u> or contact your county representative for assistance:

• *Stephanie Boismenue,* Oneida County Land & Water Conservation, <u>sboismenue@oneidacountywi.gov</u>, 715-369-7835

• *Cathy Higley,* Vilas County Land & Water Conservation, <u>cahigl@vilascountywi.gov</u>, 715-479-3738

• *Derek Thorn,* FLOW AIS (Forest, Langlade, Oconto & Marinette County Waterways), <u>flowais@lumberjackrcd.org</u>, 715-490-3325

Additional in-person CBCW trainings are available in other counties– contact your county representative above. Please let me know if you have any questions.