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# Recreational vessel owners –
# help stop the spread of marine pests!

Follow these simple steps for a **CLEAN** vessel before you travel to increase vessel performance, reduce fuel costs and help keep the State free of marine pests.
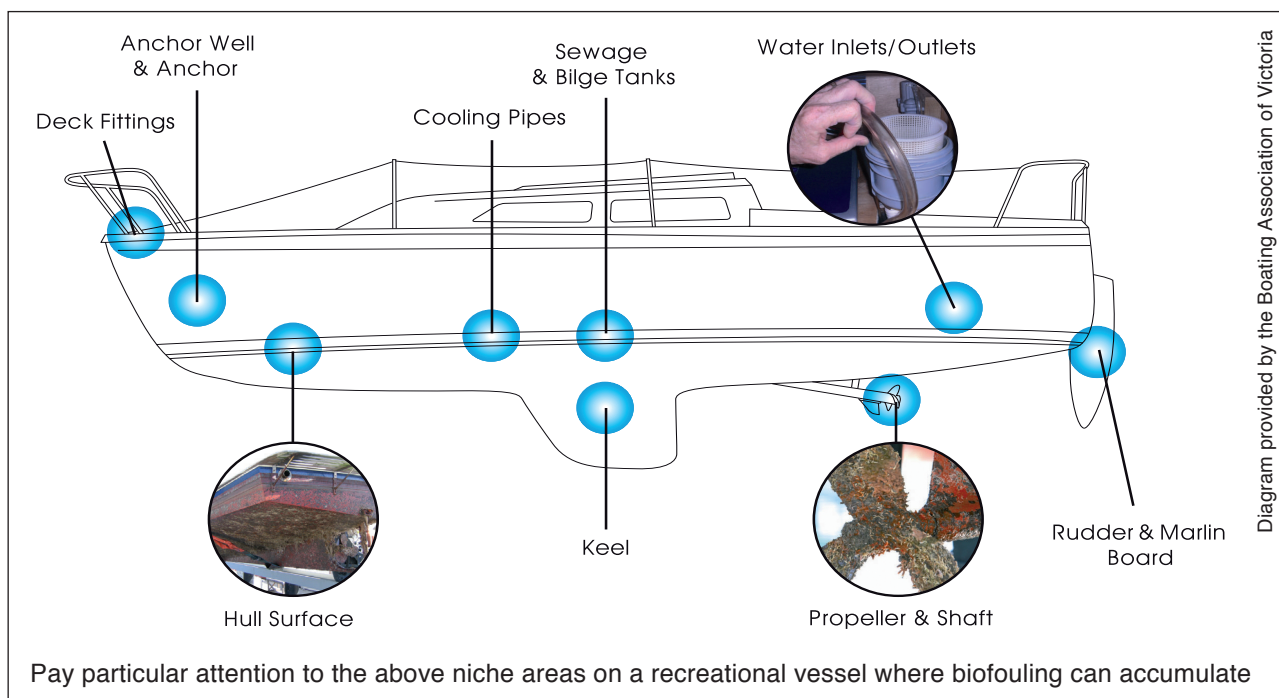
**C**    **CHECK** that your vessel is clean by regularly inspecting the hull and niche areas like internal seawater systems. Also inspect and clean topside gear – rinse it with fresh water and allow to air dry.

**L**    **LEVELS** of biofouling on your vessel should be kept to a minimum (slime layer only), particularly on unpainted areas. All seawater should also be treated, pumped out before travel, or in deep water far away from land.

**E**    **ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY** methods should be used to keep the hull clean – keep it out of the water, tarp it when not in use or clean it at a slipway, dry dock or on land. Don't clean the hull in the water, on the beach or at the boat ramp where pests and contaminants can get back into the water, without first checking with the relevant authorities.

**A**    **ANTIFOULING** paint should be renewed regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's directions and should be suitable for your vessel's intended activity.

**N**    **NEVER** travel to Western Australia without first taking these steps, and keeping records of your vessel maintenance actions and voyage history in case of queries. If you are travelling within the State, it is also recommended you do this.



Diagram provided by the Boating Association of Victoria

Labels: Anchor Well & Anchor, Deck Fittings, Sewage & Bilge Tanks, Cooling Pipes, Water Inlets/Outlets, Hull Surface, Keel, Propeller & Shaft, Rudder & Marlin Board

Pay particular attention to the above niche areas on a recreational vessel where biofouling can accumulate

**Keep an eye out for new and unusual species in your area.** If you think you have found or seen a marine pest contact FishWatch on **1800 815 507**, or email inquiries to **aquatic.biosecurity@dpird.wa.gov.au**

Further information about marine pests is available at **fish.wa.gov.au/biosecurity**

# Checklist for recreational vessels

Prior to travel, the following checklist will help you determine if your vessel poses a risk of carrying marine pests and needs maintenance.

Vessel skippers who bring marine pests into WA waters may be in breach of the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and regulations made under that Act.

## Checklist

### Part A

| | YES | NO |
|---|---|---|
| Your vessel has spent extended periods of time out of the water or has been slipped and cleaned within the past 9 months | ☐ | ☐ |
| Your vessel has not remained in a single interstate or overseas location for more than 7 days following hull cleaning or antifouling coating (AFC) renewal | ☐ | ☐ |

**If you tick 'YES' to both boxes in Part A, your vessel should not pose a high risk**

**If you tick 'NO' to either box in Part A, go to Part B**

### Part B

| | YES | NO |
|---|---|---|
| Vessel has an AFC that is suitable for its intended activity and is renewed regularly | ☐ | ☐ |
| Internal seawater systems have been checked and cleaned | ☐ | ☐ |
| Vessel hull and niche areas do not have obvious heavy marine growth (propeller, shafts, keels, water intakes and outlets) | ☐ | ☐ |
| Boating, fishing and diving equipment has been washed, cleaned and dried (bilge, deck, wetsuits, fins, masks, rods, reels, ab knives, catchbags, anchors, cables, fenders, cordage, tenders) | ☐ | ☐ |
| All seawater has been treated, pumped out before travel, or in deep water far away from land | ☐ | ☐ |

**If you tick 'NO' to any boxes in Part B your vessel may pose a high risk and pre-voyage vessel maintenance may be required**

*Please note this is only a guide and is not intended to reflect all environmental conditions and vessel types. There are also Federal Government topsides and ballast water requirements that you must adhere to before entering Australian waters – see **agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/avm/vessels/marine-pest-biosecurity/biofouling**

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