



# Clean Boat Certification



## Why is this document necessary?

We, at Sunset Lake, value our water quality and are very concerned about preventing contamination of our lake by aquatic invasive species, such as variable watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*); Eurasian watermilfoil (*M. spicatum*); and fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*). In Sunset Lake, these invasive species have no natural predators to keep their populations in check. As a result, these species can outcompete beneficial native species, reduce biodiversity, hamper recreational uses, diminish aesthetic values, decrease water quality, and reduce real estate values.

These species grow very rapidly and reproduce by fragmentation. Since the plants can break apart very easily due to wave action produced by boats, the introduction of even one single fragment of any of these plants can result in the infestation of the entire lake. Once introduced into a lake, these plants are extremely difficult to eradicate, often forming dense mats making swimming and boating difficult. When the dense mats decay, the available oxygen in the water may be depleted. The resulting low oxygen conditions can lead to fish kills and harm other beneficial native aquatic organisms.

## Certification Statement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify:

- My boat is NEVER launched in any other body of water than Sunset Lake and the trailer that brings my boat is sanitized such that no invasive species will ever be brought to the lake as a result of my boat being launched.
- I have cleaned, drained and washed my boat and trailer following method A or B as described in the Clean Boat Decontamination Instructions after launch in ANY other body of water prior to launching in Sunset Lake.

I further certify that all watercraft, associated trailers and equipment that I will be using on Sunset Lake meet the clean boat certification requirements as described in this document and are free from invasive species

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Choose Decontamination Method A or B

### METHOD A: Clean, Drain and Dry Your Watercraft

**Step 1:** CLEAN all visible plants, mud, or other debris

**Step 2:** DRAIN all water (bilge, livewells, motor)

**Step 3:** DRY (1 week during July and August, 2 weeks in June and September, and 4 weeks before and after these dates.)

**OR**

### METHOD B: Clean, Drain and Wash Your Watercraft

**Step 1:** CLEAN all visible plants, mud, or other debris

**Step 2:** DRAIN all water (bilge, livewells, motor)

**Step 3:** WASH your boat's hull, trailer, equipment, and any other exposed surfaces, and the inside of your bilge area, livewell, and engine cooling system with one of the following:

- Steam or Scalding Hot Wash (>140 degrees) OR
- Chlorine/bleach Solution (1 oz. per gal. water) OR
- Lysol (as sold or mix to 1% solution) OR
- Vinegar (as sold)