

# Aquatic Invasive Species Training for Trailer Owners

## Glossary Terms

### Aquatic Invasive Species:

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) — Animals and plants that are not native to Minnesota. They have few natural predators in our waters, so if they are allowed in, they can spread and take over rapidly. They can hurt our natural resources, harm places of recreation, cause economic loss and harm human health.

### Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist:

DNR staff specializing in aquatic invasive species biology, management and permitting.

### Baitwell:

Tank used to keep bait alive.

### Ballast:

A compartment within a boat, ship or other floating structure that holds water.

### Bilge:

The lowest compartment on a ship, below the waterline, where the two sides meet at the keel.

### Bilgeboard:

A board lowered from the bilge of a sailing vessel to increase stability.

### Centerboard:

A retractable flat board that pivots out of a slot in the hull of a sailboat to increase stability.

### De-chlorinated:

Tap water that has been put out in a container overnight to let any added chlorine evaporate.

### Felt-Soled Footwear:

While they provide a good grip in slippery places, felt-soled footwear can pick up AIS spores and larvae, allowing the invaders to hitchhike by shoe from one stream to another.

### Livewell:

Tank used to keep bait and caught fish alive.

**Rudderpost:**

Post in the stern of a ship with a single screw propeller to which the rudder is attached.

**Water Access:**

The place where a watercraft can be put into a body of water or taken out of it.