

Invasive Species Policy of the OSC

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The Otsego Sailing Club supports the preservation and protection of Otsego Lake, its ecosystem, and supports NYS Invasive Species Law. The OSC Board will maintain an effective inspection and disinfection system for every craft, trailer and launch vehicle prior to launching from the OSC for invasive species compliance. Club members and visitors are required to honor NYS Law and the OSC Invasive Species Policy.

Information on invasive species may be found here:

NYS DEC Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html>

NYS DEC - NYS Invasive Species Regulations

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/99141.html>

NYS DEC Aquatic Invasive Species in NY

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50121.html>

Implementation of Policy

The OSC will post notices in the clubhouse and at the launch ramp on invasive species and the necessity of maintaining clean boats, trailers and vehicles. The OSC will include a section on its website dedicated to invasive species and continue to take measures designed to educate the membership on invasive species.

An inspection procedure, in accordance with NYS DEC guidelines, will be maintained, with minimal inconvenience to the skipper, for the inspection and, where required or recommended, cleaning of boats, trailers and vehicles that use the OSC launch.

The OSC will communicate with and seek to cooperate with organizations, and local and state governments that strive to protect the Otsego Lake ecosystem.