Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS)

Wash Down Area - Kielder Reservoir (Tower Knowe) 2025

Information for returning club members and visitors

Boats and other watercraft (e.g. windsurfs, paddle boards, canoes) are required to be washed down prior to use at Kielder Water to stop the spread of Invasive Non-Native Species.

This is specific for any craft that is or has been outside of Kielder Water.

- Users are to enter the jet wash area (reverse in). The jet wash area is positioned next to the public toilets.
- Park up and go to the visitor centre for the key to the jet wash.
- User signs out the jet wash key and supplies date and where the boat was last used.
- User uses key to turn on the jet wash.
- Safety googles supplied within the jet wash that must be used.
- Jet wash used following cleaning measures as below.
- User replaces jet wash lance and switches off the jet wash.
- Return safety googles.
- Key is returned to the visitor centre and signed back in.
- User can then use the facilities at the sailing club.

CHECK

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Check boats, equipment and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals, or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site. Reapply anti-fouling annually.

CLEAN

Clean

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to ropes, bilges, trailers and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

DRY

Dry

Drain water from every part of your boat and trailer before leaving the site. Dry everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

All recreational boat owners should also:

- Avoid sailing or paddling through patches of weed (which could contain invasive species). This can chop up plants and can spread them further.
- Be aware of the increased risk of bringing boats, trailers and equipment into GB from abroad.
- Be aware of the increased risk when placing a boat into a water body with particularly sensitive ecology, such as a nature reserve, Special Area of Conservation, or Marine Protected Area.
- Be familiar with local by-laws pertaining to biosecurity.

Boat Wash Area: