Lake Powell Boater Requirements

Utah's AIS technicians are regularly finding quagga mussels on and in boats that have only been in Lake Powell for a day or two — something boaters haven't experienced in past years. If you boat at Lake Powell, here's what you need to do before leaving the lake:

- 1. If the inspection station is open, stop for a watercraft inspection. Failing to stop is a violation, and you can be cited and fined.
- 2. Make sure your watercraft is clean of mud, plants and animals. Also, inspect your anchor and anchor rope. Make sure they're clean and that no adult quagga mussels are clinging to them. BOATER TIP: Because juvenile quagga mussels can be seen only with a microscope, it's a good idea to purchase an anchor and anchor rope that you'll use only at Lake Powell.
- 3. Drain all water from the engine and interior compartments, preferably while you're still on the launch ramp. A technician will assist you if the inspection station is open. Otherwise, it's your legal responsibility to do this before leaving Lake Powell.
- 4. If your boat has a sea strainer (most large, complex boats have them), remove the sea strainer and empty everything in the strainer into a garbage can. Keep the strainer out of the boat, and allow it to dry the required length of time.
- 5. Pull all drain plugs including the center plug and then transport your boat with all drain plugs removed.
- 6. Allow your boat to dry for the following length of time:
 - If your boat has ballast tanks, an inboard motor, or other raw water systems (A/C, shower), the required dry time is always 30 days.
 - If your boat does not have any of the above systems, the dry times are as follows:
 - o 7 days in June–August
 - 18 days in September–November and March–May
 - 30 days in December–February















If you want to launch before meeting the required dry time

There are a few options for Lake Powell boaters who want to boat again before meeting the dry time requirements:

- 1. If you plan to launch before meeting the required dry time, the best option is to have your boat decontaminated at Lake Powell. Decontamination stations are located at Bullfrog Marina, Wahweap Marina, Antelope Point (seasonally) and Hall's Crossing.
- 2. If decontamination at Lake Powell is not possible, visit www.stdofthesea.utah.gov, and contact a decontamination station on your route of travel. You can make an appointment to get your boat decontaminated.
- 3. The third option is to find the decontamination station closest to your residence, and make a decontamination appointment before your next launch.
- 4. The last option is to call ahead to your next launch destination, and make an appointment to have your boat decontaminated immediately prior to launch. **NOTE:** Sometimes this option is not available (e.g., if you plan to launch very early in the morning before technicians will be there). Please try the first three options before pursuing this course of action.

Additional resources

- STD of the Sea website http://stdofthesea.utah.gov
- FAQ about Lake Powell and what's changed http://stdofthesea.utah.gov/lake_powell_faq.php
- Map of Utah's decontamination stations http://bit.ly/decon_map

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