



## **Visiting Guests**

Wimbleball lake is managed by South West Lakes Trust who regularly monitor the lake for invasive species. Invasive animals, such as Zebra Mussels and Signal Crayfish, and invasive plants such as Australian Swamp Stonecrop (also known as New Zealand Pigmyweed) can be introduced to our waters with others on the banks. We are lucky not to have many issues but it could be only a matter of time before these invasive species arrive at the lake.

Wimbleball sailing club are working closely with south west lakes to try to stop the lake becoming a new breeding ground for any invasive species so we are asking all our members and visitors and guests at the lake to help us by carrying out some simple biosecurity steps.

If you have sailed at another club or venue can you please wash boats off preferably with hot water and leave the stuff where you picked it up. This will help us to avoid other people's problems.

Can you please wash your own clothing in hot water to try and kill anything that might have attached itself to you?

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 - drain water from every part of your boat/kayak/canoe 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.

## **Biosecurity for Water Sports**

Biosecurity means taking steps to make sure that good hygiene practices are used to reduce and minimise the risk of spreading invasive non-native species. Invasive plants and animals block waterways, harm the environment and wildlife, make paddling difficult and can damage your boats engine and props. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp clothing and equipment. Once established they become extremely difficult and expensive to eradicate, which is why it is so important to prevent their spread in the first place.

## **Basic Biosecurity Advice**

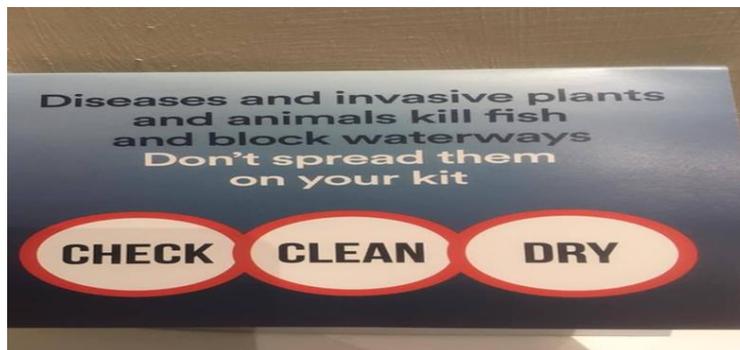
1. Arrive at the lake with clean equipment, wetsuits and vehicle.
2. Ensure footwear, wetsuits and equipment are clean before leaving the site.
3. Make use of any on-site facilities to clean boats/kayaks/SUP's and equipment.
4. Follow the Check, Clean, Dry principal at all times when using the lakes.

Protect the environment and sport you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.

Whenever you leave the water, remember to Check Clean Dry Check boats/kayaks/canoes/SUP's and 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.

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We welcome visitors to our club and would like to make your sailing enjoyable we can only do this by keeping the lake free of dense weed which can grow and spread quickly

Thank you