



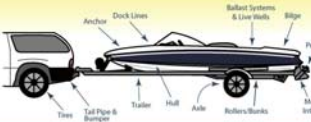
Appendix A: CLA and CT DEEP Signage

Primary Municipal Boat Ramp Sign: Expected to measure 3 to 4 feet in width, depending on individual town regulations, freestanding and mounted on posts. Bottom of sign (Nearby Known Infested Waters) will be a separate, replaceable panel should updates need to be made with any additional water bodies becoming infested.

ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT

Invasive zebra mussels may damage your boat and negatively impact Candlewood Lake if they enter these waters...and you may unknowingly be the one to introduce them.

Please do not launch your boat in Candlewood Lake if you have been in known infested waters recently and have not already taken the below precautions.

The Danger	What You Should Do	Identification
<p>► Boat, Property and Environmental Damage: In the right conditions, zebra mussels have the ability to rapidly reproduce and do extensive damage to a lake's ecosystem, property on a lake and to a boat's engine's cooling system.</p> <p>► Razor Sharp: Zebra mussels have very sharp shell edges and attach to and blanket solid surfaces including docks, rocks on the lake bed and boat hulls.</p> <p>► Unknowingly Transported by Boaters: Most lakes become infested with zebra mussels because humans bring boats from infested waters, to uninfested waters.</p> <p>► Here Today, Here Tomorrow: There is no known effective method to completely eliminate zebra mussels if Candlewood becomes infested.</p>  <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Zebra mussels covering boat propeller - Ontario National Park Service</p>  <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">Zebra mussels covering a boat hull - Ontario National Park Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Please clean your boat and trailer AWAY from Candlewood Lake if you have been in infested waters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLEAN - Remove all plants, animals and mud. Thoroughly wash every thing that has contacted infested waters: boat, trailer & equipment etc. 2. DRAIN - Completely drain all water including live wells, ballast systems, bilges & engine cooling water. 3. DRY - Allow your boat several days of drying time to kill any unseen microscopic zebra mussels. <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg); font-size: 1.2em;">Inspect Everything!</p> 	<p>As Young</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Too small to see with the naked eye. ◊ Float freely in the water column. ◊ Easily and often unknowingly transported by humans.  <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;">Small zebra mussels, similar to sand. Most small zebra mussels are dead. Note: Scale: US Dime</p> <p>As Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◊ Characterized by "zebra striping" on their shells. ◊ Attach to any solid surface (including boats or aquatic plants) starting when as small as a grain of sand. ◊ Fully grown, may be the size of your fingernail. <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">If you find zebra mussels or have questions, please contact the Candlewood Lake Authority: 860-354-6928 or visit www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org</p>

NEARBY KNOWN INFESTED WATERS

Zebra mussels have NOT been found in Candlewood Lake and for the protection of the Lake and its users, we want to keep it that way. If you have been in the below waters recently and have NOT already taken the above precautions, PLEASE DO NOT launch your boat in Candlewood Lake.

Connecticut: Lake Lillinonah • Lake Zoar • Upper Housatonic River • East and West Twin Lakes
 New York: Hudson River • Lake George • Lake Champlain • Finger Lakes • Mohawk River Massachusetts: Laurel Lake
 Vermont: Ballston Lake • Lake Bomoseen Pennsylvania: Susquehanna River

Smaller Boat Ramp Sign: Expected to measure 12x18 inches. Can be free-standing and attached to a metal post or attached to a wall or fence. Anticipated to be located at community ramps, marinas as well as serve to potentially supplement larger signage at municipal ramps.

Zebra Mussel ALERT!

Has Your Boat Been On Another Body Of Water?
DO NOT LAUNCH YOUR BOAT if you have been in any known infested waters and have not taken the precautions at the bottom of this sign.

Nearby Known Zebra Mussel Infested Waters in CT, MA & NY
 Lake Lillinonah • Lake Zoar • East and West Twin Lakes • Laurel Lake
 Finger Lakes • Lake George • Lake Champlain • Hudson River

Zebra Mussels Do Damage By...

- Clogging Water Intakes
- Fouling Boat Hulls & Engines
- Altering a Lake's Ecosystem



Pontoon boat encrusted with zebra mussels - photo: National Science Foundation



Adult Zebra mussels next to a dime - photo: CA Dept. Fish & Game

Adults	› Approx. size of dime	› Attach to solid surfaces
Young	› Size of grain of sand	› Boat hull may feel gritty
Larvae	› Microscopic in size	› Float freely in water

What To Do Before Launching Here

- 1. CLEAN** all visible plant, fish and animals as well as mud or other debris from your trailer or boat before leaving any lake's launch.
- 2. DRAIN** all water from every space and item that may hold water.
- 3. DRY** equipment for at least 5 days before entering Candlewood. If drying is not possible, wash with hot (at least 140°F) tap water.

Inspect Everything!

Always **CLEAN** and **DRAIN** all equipment **before** leaving any other lake's boat launch to avoid transporting zebra mussels to Candlewood Lake.





For more information, contact the Candlewood Lake Authority at 860-354-6928 or www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org - or - Department of Environmental Protection Boating at 860-434-8638

