

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Asian Clam

(*Corbicula fluminea*)



**Confirmed in
Lake Bomoseen
in 2016**

How can you identify them?

- This invasive freshwater bivalve is slightly triangular in shape with distinct concentric rows of elevated ridges on its shell.



Why the concern?

- Asian clams are filter feeding organisms that deplete resources needed by native species and reduce biodiversity.
- They can form dense populations very quickly in sediment, clogging intake pipes to lakeside houses, industrial water systems, and irrigation canals.

What can you do?

- Take these steps before launching AND before leaving any waterbody.

✓ **Clean** off any mud and sediment from boats, trailers, and anchors. Rinse with hot water.

✓ **Drain** your boat and equipment, including motors, all live-wells, bait buckets, bilges, ballast tanks, and other reservoirs that could transport lake water.

✓ **Dry** anything that comes into contact with the water.



For more information or to report an invasive species sighting, call 802-828-1535, or visit dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds