

# Spiny Waterflea has invaded!

**Confirmed  
in Lake  
Champlain  
in 2014**



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**Spiny waterflea are invasive zooplankton that have adverse effects on native species, and are easily transported by bait buckets, bilge water, and other fishing gear.**

Many spiny waterfleas appear as a bristly glob of jelly with black eye spots on fishing lines and other gear.



Photo by Jeff Gunderson

**Take these steps before launching AND before leaving any waterbody, including Lake Champlain, to prevent further spread of spiny waterflea and other invasive pests.**



## Clean

off mud, plants, and animals from boats, trailers, and equipment. Rinse boats and trailers with hot water. Soak fishing lines, anchor lines, and all used gear in hot water for at least 5 minutes.

**For more information or to report an invasive species sighting, call 802-828-1535 or visit [www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/lakes.htm](http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/lakes.htm)**



## Drain

your boat and equipment away from the water. This includes the motor, 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 up to 5 days. This period of time is needed to completely kill resting eggs of spiny waterflea and other invasives.

