

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP CHANGES ARE COMING!

Effective October 1, 2024, the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Stamp will no longer be included in your vessel registration, per Public Act 23-154.



More Information

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<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/FAQs/FAQ-AIS-Stamp>



How will the AIS Stamp changes affect me?

- Before September 30, 2024, all CT vessel registrations will automatically include the AIS Stamp as part of the registration fee.
- Starting October 1, 2024, CT vessel registrations will no longer include the AIS Stamp, and operators must purchase it through the DEEP Online Sportsmen Licensing System.
- Starting October 1, 2024, operators on inland waters will need to purchase either a \$7 individual AIS Stamp or a \$20 vessel AIS decal. The AIS decal must be affixed to the vessel and may be subject to a processing fee.

It's up to you to prevent the spread of AIS!
Take action today to help keep our waterways safe and healthy.



1. Ensure you are not transporting Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) between waterbodies

Before leaving the launch:

Clean: Remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals before transporting equipment. If you don't, you may be fined \$95.

Drain: Eliminate any stored water from your vessel and equipment, such as a live well, before transporting. At home or before your next launch:

Dry: Anything that comes into contact with water such as boats, trailers, anchors, propellers, fishing equipment, and clothing for a minimum of 1 week during hot/dry weather and 4 weeks during cool/wet weather. If waiting for the proper drying timeframe isn't possible, visit our website for washing options.

2. It's important to always have a valid AIS Stamp

CT law requires any person who operates a registered vessel on CT inland waters to carry the CT AIS Stamp on board your vessel. The October 1, 2024 change modifies the requirement from vessel to operator and affects the way boaters obtain their AIS Stamp or vessel AIS decal. AIS funds are used to combat AIS across CT.

For additional information on the AIS Stamp changes, visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/FAQs/FAQ-AIS-Stamp>

