

Don't let **this** happen  
to your favorite  
dive location!



Aquatic invasive species (AIS) can be transported by a variety of recreational water equipment, including scuba gear! Do your part to prevent the spread of invasive species.

[protectyourwaters.net](http://protectyourwaters.net)



**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!™**

✓Clean ✓Drain ✓Dry

## Take These Steps to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

**Inspect and remove** attached plants, animals, and mud and **drain** water from all equipment (use checklist), BEFORE you leave the dive site.

**Assess Risk.** Where/When will you dive next?

**LOW RISK.** If your next planned dive is five or more days away, air drying eliminates AIS on your equipment.

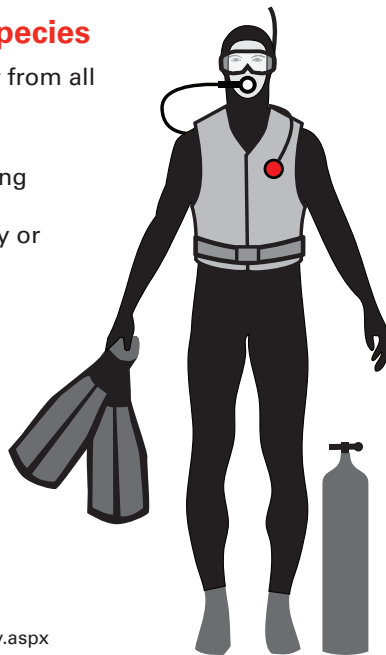
**HIGH RISK.** If you're diving in a different body of water on the same day or plan to dive in less than 5 days, take these precautions:

**1. Take your first dive in the waterbody with the fewest AIS present\*.**

For instance, move from inland waterbodies to Lake Michigan, NOT the other way around.

**2. Decontaminate your gear.** Soak gear in salt water solution (½ cup salt to 1 gallon water) for 30 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

Now you're ready for another dive in Wisconsin waters.



Snorkel

Mask

Regulator

Wetsuit

BC

Weight belt

Cylinder

Dive boots and gloves

Boat and trailer

\*You can find a list of AIS-infested waters here: [dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/AISByWaterbody.aspx](http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/AISByWaterbody.aspx)