

STOP THE SPREAD
INVASIVE MARINE SPECIES
CHECK-CLEAN-DRY

Invasive marine plants and animals are a problem in some nearby areas. They harm native wildlife and cause economic damage to boating, fishing and aquaculture, fouling hard surfaces such as hulls, and pontoons. They clog up boat engines and props and restrict water flow and navigation. Help to stop them by following the Check, Clean, Dry code.

CHECK

Check your boat, equipment and clothing for living plants and animals. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN

Clean and wash all equipment with freshwater before using elsewhere. Anti-foul boats annually. Remove visible fouling and put it in the bin, not back in the water. Wash off your anchor and chain before leaving an anchorage.

DRY

Before returning to the Isle of Man, drain water from every part that can hold water, including any that collects in the bilges. Clothing and equipment should be thoroughly dried for as long as possible before it is used elsewhere.

Just a few of the invasive species that are a problem in nearby seas



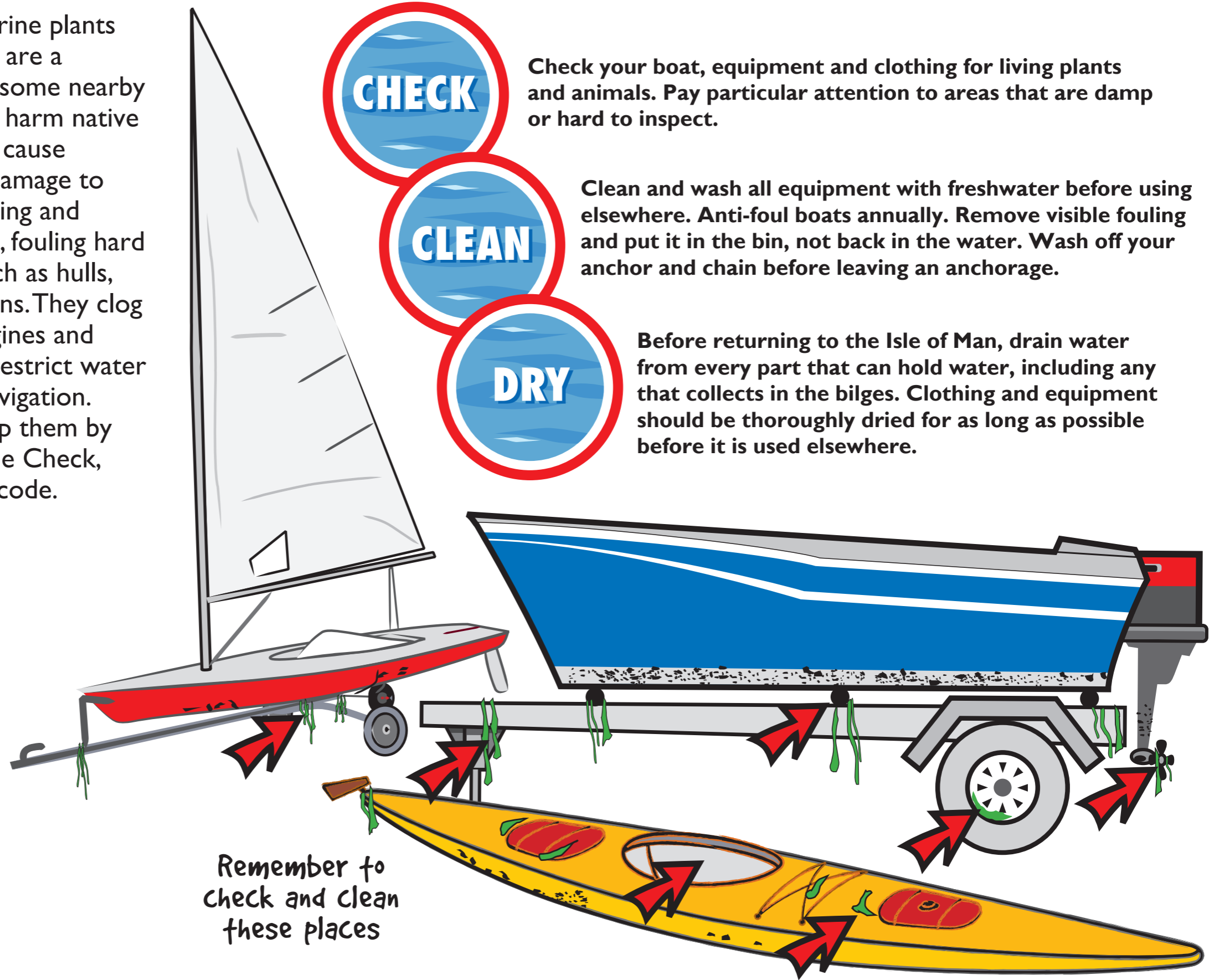
American lobster



Carpet Sea Squirt



Slipper limpet



Remember to check and clean these places



If you spot anything unusual, that could be an invasive aquatic species, please contact DEFA, Fisheries 8 JfYwcfUy tel. 01624 685857 or email fisheries@gov.im

For more information on invasive species visit:

www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry

