

# Marine Biosecurity Information Note 2

## May 2024

### Reducing the Marine Biosecurity Risk: Recreational Activities and Organised Events

#### Background

- **Recreational vessels** (including but not limited to small powerboats, jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks) **and activities** (eg fishing) **present a potential pathway of introduction for invasive non-native species (INNS).**
- **INNS may be present** as biofouling, in ballast or residual water (e.g. in the bottom of a kayak) or attached to equipment (e.g. fishing gear).
- The arrival of **inadequately cleaned recreational craft or equipment** in Peel Ports, especially if they have been used in or transferred across other marine water bodies, poses a **high risk for INNS introduction or spread.**
- **If INNS are disturbed whilst being removed, for example during cleaning or movement of recreational vessels or equipment, they may subsequently establish themselves** in Peel Ports marine environments.

#### Actions to reduce the risk of INNS transfer from recreational activities and organised events

- Where possible Peel Ports will look to **raise awareness** of the pathways of INNS introduction and practical measures to reduce biosecurity risk during **local Port Leisure User Meetings.**
- **Local Marinas** should **raise awareness** of best practice biosecurity measures amongst their community. There are many freely available resources such as leaflets and posters available online\*.
- Ballast water exchange must be undertaken in accordance with the [Ballast Water Management Convention](#).
- **Biofouling removal must only be undertaken with Harbour Master approval.** See MBIN 5.

- For organised events an **event permit** will likely be required from the Statutory Harbour Authority which may require specific biosecurity management measures to be implemented.
- Event organisers should consider installation of a **wash down station** for clothing and equipment, where installed they should be banded to facilitate collection of all biofouling debris and wash water. It is the operators responsibility to ensure disposal is undertaken in line with all **required licences and permits** (biofouling material must also be double bagged prior to disposal).

\*List of online resources:

[Biosecurity-at-paddling-Events-Toolkit.pdf \(paddleuk.org.uk\)](#)

<https://thegreenblue.org.uk/resource/marine-business-resources/awareness-raising-toolkit-marine-business-resources/posters-awareness-raising-toolkit-marine-business-resources/coastal-posters-posters-awareness-raising-toolkit-marine-business-resources/poster-wildlife-best-practice-pwcs-coastal/>

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<https://thegreenblue.org.uk/resource/marine-business-resources/awareness-raising-toolkit-marine-business-resources/posters-awareness-raising-toolkit-marine-business-resources/coastal-posters-posters-awareness-raising-toolkit-marine-business-resources/poster-protect-collect-dispose/>

<https://www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk/biosecurity>

<https://www.nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry/>