

ATTENTION BOATERS AND FISHERMAN

Sand Harbor's boat launch hours will be 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Cave Rock's hours will be 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Both locations will be open seven days a week through September 30th. At this time, Sand Harbor's boat launch is closed due to low water conditions. Boaters may plan ahead before boating on lake Tahoe by calling 88-824-6267 or 775-831-0494 for up-to-date boat ramp information.

Watercraft inspections are required as part of the new program that is helping to protect Lake Tahoe from the threat of aquatic invasive species such as Quagga and Zebra mussels. For more information on the aquatic invasive species and boat inspection fees go to <http://www.protecttaho.org/>.

Helpful hint: When leaving the water, wash watercraft and trailers with high pressure hose at 140 degrees. Learn how to inspect watercraft for aquatic hitchhikers (young quagga mussels will feel like sandpaper to the touch, while adults usually have dark concentric rings on their shell. They can grow to 1.6 inches (4 cm) but are usually smaller than a quarter). Let your boat dry out for 28 days prior to transporting to other waters. Wash fishing equipment, water toys, wetsuits and flotation devices in a diluted bleach solution prior to use in another waters.

Decontamination-Inspections and boat washing are available at several locations around the Lake Tahoe. Simply call 1-888-TAHO-ANS and you will be directed to the nearest station.



The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board approved new regulations requiring that boats be launched only at facilities where qualified aquatic invasive species inspectors are present. Inspections will take effect November 1, 2008. The new regulation also requires that vessels launching at the lake be decontaminated should inspectors determine they are at risk of introducing invasive such as the quagga or zebra mussel or other species.

The boat launch facility at Cave Rock may be closed during winter storms due to boater and inspector personnel safety concerns. The launch facility will re-open just as soon as possible after significant storm activity has ended. Snow removal may also cause delays. Please plan ahead before boating on Lake Tahoe by calling (888)824-6267 for up-to-date boat ramp information. You can also go to a www.trpa.org for additional program information. We are sorry for any inconvenience and ask for your support with this very important program.

New boat inspection fees took in effect at Lake Tahoe June 1st, in addition to the normal park entry fees.