

# Don't spread marine pests!

These marine pests are not known to occur in NSW:



Northern Pacific Seastar



Japanese Seaweed Asian

Asian Date Mussel



Asian Green Mussel

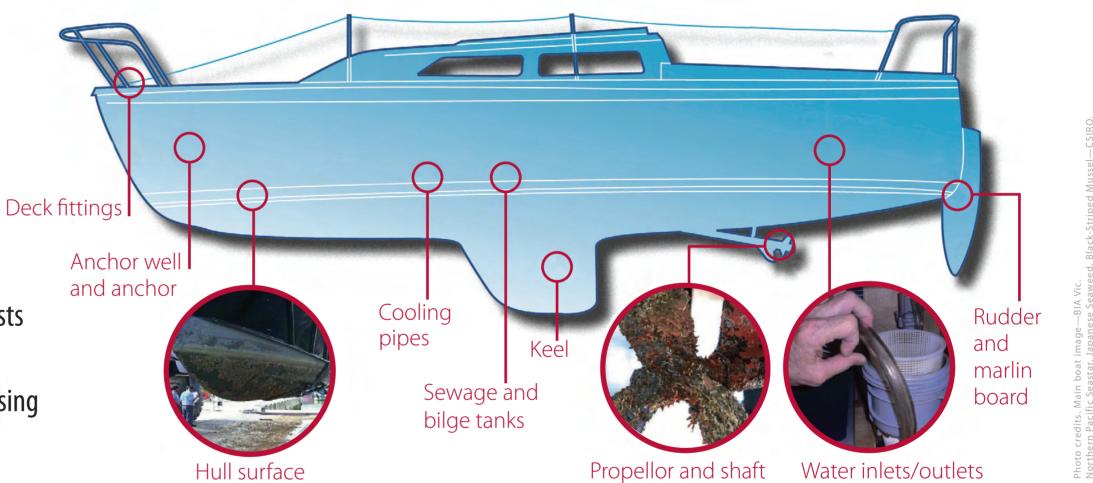


Black-Striped Mussel

### **REPORT and photograph suspected marine pests.**

Boats have many niche areas where marine pests can accumulate.

Marine pests can:



- Damage your boat's paint and hull
- Increase drag and therefore fuel costs
- Increase maintenance costs
- Clog pipes, motor or propellers causing engine overheating



When leaving a location, boats and fishing gear should be CHECKED, CLEANED, DRAINED, and DRIED to remove any potential marine pests.

## Protect your boat and the environment:

- Slip and CLEAN your boat regularly
- Select an antifouling paint suited to your boat's activity, and renew it when persistent fouling occurs
- CHECK your boat for fouling every month
- DISPOSE of sewage and bilge water at an approved pump-out facility
- TREAT internal sea water systems regularly—flush with fresh water or an approved treatment
- DISPOSE of waste water from vessel cleaning activities appropriately and ensure it doesn't re-enter the waterway!

#### REPORT marine pests: aquatic.pests@industry.nsw.gov.au Hotline 02 4916 3877

#### More info: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/aquatic