

**Staffed Boat Wash Pilot Program**  
**Update: July, 2018**

The spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) poses a serious threat to the long term health of Higgins Lake. Recognizing this threat, the Higgins Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA), in concert with the Higgins Lake Foundation (HLF) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), established a pilot program of providing free, staffed boat washing and education on AIS at the North Higgins Lake State Park and the South Higgins Lake State Park. This boat washing program began in May, 2018 and will run into September, 2018. Washing your boat prior to launching is one line of defense that can be used to help protect Higgins Lake from the spread of AIS. Since 1935, the HLPOA mission has been, "To protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of Higgins Lake and its surrounding watershed." The pilot boat washing program is one of several initiatives the HLPOA is taking to fulfill this mission. Look for the blue and white signs near the North State Park and inside the South State Park close to the launch site directing you to the free boat wash facility.

