

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES BOAT WASHING DEMO HELD IN COOPERSTOWN

Brookwood Point held a family friendly event to show the importance of cleaning boats before putting them out on the water.

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COOPERSTOWN, NY - Brookwood Point held a family-friendly activity Wednesday evening for boat lovers.

A hands-on demonstration and presentation were given by the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) on how to properly inspect and clean boats from invasive species.

Boats used were vessels, kayaks, paddleboards, rowing sculls, and sail boats.

Invasive species can pose problems to natural resources, human health, and the economy.

The event coordinator for CRISP, Paul H. Lord, says that just cleaning your boat before putting it out on the waterways can make a big difference.

"We have a fair number of people who go up and down the roads these days, with kayaks and canoes off their vehicles, and they come across private property down to the lake. So, we were hoping today to work with those folks to make sure that they understood what their responsibilities were in terms of cleaning and decontaminating their watercraft and equipment before entering the water body". Lord told NewsChannel 2.

A product Lord says can be used to clean boats is potassium chloride. It is recommended you clean your boat with potassium chloride before going out on the water with it.