

Members – Take the “Canadian Boat Survey”

This survey is being conducted by a UBC PhD candidate, with the support of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The purpose of this survey is to gauge the amount of small boat traffic in BC waters and search for hot spots of boating activity. It will combine this with information about common antifouling practices. The staff will also be visiting harbours and marinas this summer to photograph hull fouling on small boats. **Look for them on the docks this summer or contact them directly if you would like us to check your boat!**

On recreational boats fouling species can attach to the hull, prop, anchors, lines and fishing gear. Increased fouling on small boats can negatively affect fuel efficiency, speed and cause increased maintenance costs to boat owners.

Small boats may also serve as transportation for fouling plants and animals. Some of these species may be new to BC or Canada. The introduction and spread of new species in Canadian waters poses a large threat to native biodiversity and can have widespread effects on both our economy and health. Some of these species can become pests that cost money to control or remove.

To take the survey visit the web site below.

<http://www.canadianboatsurvey.com/>