



Houghton Lake: Fun in the Sun for Everyone!

A warm welcome from the
Houghton Lake
Improvement Board

It is now LAW....

A new Michigan Boating Law ([SB 1072 of 2018 \(PA 0451 of 2018\)](#)) went into effect in December 2018:

The new law indicates that a person **shall not**:

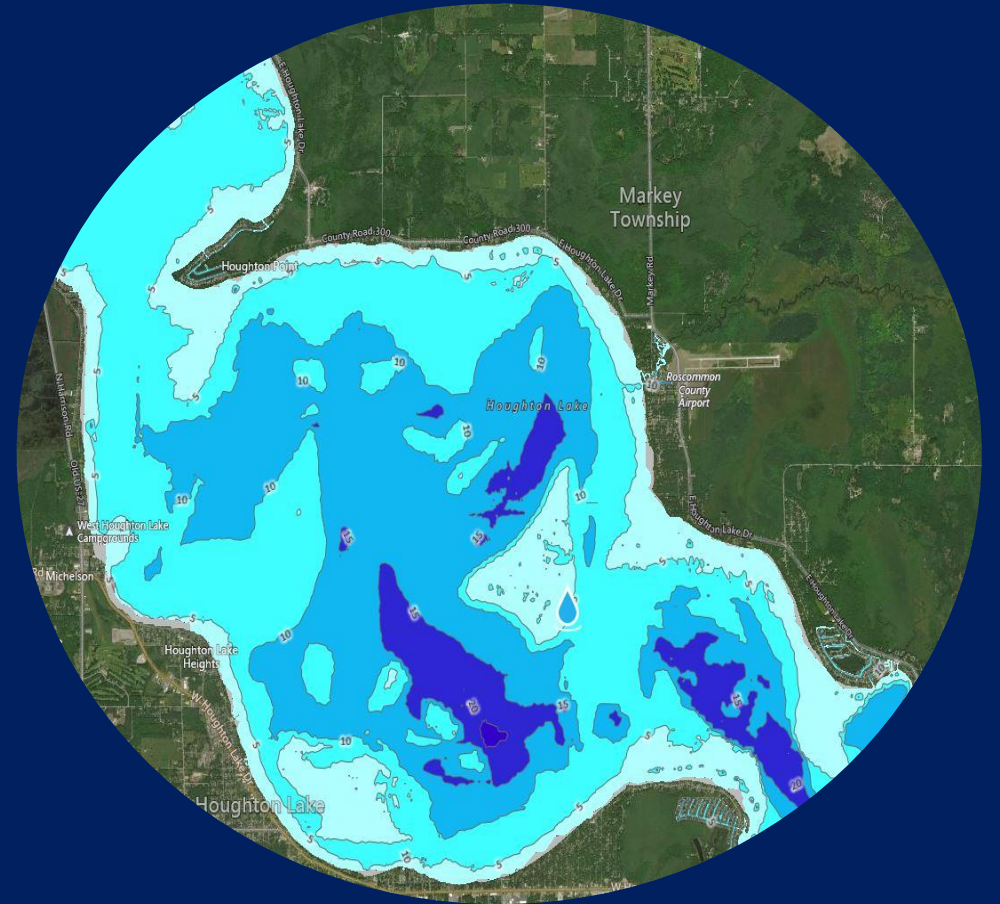
Launch or transport watercraft or trailers unless they are free of aquatic organisms, including plants;

Transport a watercraft without removing all drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells;

Release unused bait into the water

Did You Know These Houghton Lake Facts?:

1. There are 30.5 miles of shoreline
2. The average lake depth is 7.5 feet
3. The lake is home to 32 native aquatic plant species



Because it is the largest inland lake in Michigan, Houghton Lake is vulnerable to invasive aquatic plant species. Over the past few decades, the HLIB has fought hard to reduce these species in the lake.



To Reduce the Transfer of
Unwanted Invasive Species—
Remember to:

Clean all boats, transom wells, and
trailers before entering Houghton
Lake!



Please Keep Houghton Lake FREE
from Invaders for all to Enjoy!

