

Boats stored at home or a marina offer hiding places for pests that we do not want on or around our beautiful islands. Keep your boat clean above and below the water:

- Clean and antifoul your hull.
- Trap/bait for pests near your boat.
- Check for pests, clean all equipment, close all food containers.

A boat with a clean hull saves on fuel and goes faster.

Our fisheries do best when the water is free of pests.

Marine life, plants and birds all thrive in a pest free environment.

Healthy destinations are much more fun.

Some marine pests are so sticky that a haul out and scrub with an authorised operator is the only way to get rid of them.

Marine pests can destroy aquaculture industries.

In-water hull cleaning can easily lead to the spread of marine pests. Make sure you clean your hull in a permitted place.

Pest infested hulls create a lot of drag in the water, will slow you down and cost you more to run.

Pests like rats and stoats threaten our native island species and their homes.

Marine pests can easily take over our shorelines and destroy our native marine habitats.

Any boat can have secret places where stowaways love to hide.

PROTECT AUCKLAND'S ISLANDS AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT WITH AUCKLAND COUNCIL

Before you go out: **check, clean, close.**

Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/pestfreehaurakigulf for more information.

