

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT BOAT INSPECTOR AGREEMENT

This agreement made on _____ (date) by and between _____, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, and the Amston Lake District, PO Box 95, Amston CT 06231, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, witnesseth, that the Contractor and Owner for the considerations named agree as follows:

Article I. Scope of the Work

The Contractor shall perform the following services:

1. Check for the presence of a valid boat sticker. If the boat owner has been issued a green striped boat ramp sticker, they have already provided a document to show ownership of the boat. If they are still using the blue sticker that expires 6/30/25 or have a regular 2025-26 green sticker (not striped), they must show the inspector a title or CURRENT registration IN THE PROPERTY OWNER's NAME in order to be allowed to access the boat ramp. If you are unsure of the property owner or lake address, contact Karen Patterson at 860.604.7696. Take a photo on your phone of the ownership document you are provided, and forward to AmstonLakePasses@gmail.com. After 7/1/25, all boats using the boat ramp must display the green striped boat ramp sticker.
2. The Contractor will inspect boats including live wells, bait buckets, anchor and trailers for the presence of weeds at the Amston Lake Main Beach boat launch, with the use of a flashlight to look under the boat. See attached Boat/Trailer Inspection Procedures for details on the inspection.
3. Any weeds found will be removed before the boat is allowed to enter the water, and the weeds will be disposed of in a sanitary fashion (i.e., in a plastic bag and put in trash). If the boat has been in any other body of water, it must follow the clean and dry procedure before they may enter the water.
4. The Contractor will open and close the chain gate at the entrance of the boat launch to provide access to the lake.
5. The Contractor will provide an information sheet to those launching boats, including information on invasive weeds as well as "clean and dry" procedure.
6. The Contractor shall complete proof of the work performed in the Amston Lake Boat/Trailer Inspection Report containing the District resident's name, address, signature, as well as boat registration, ALD boat sticker number, and other information on the report form.
7. The Contractor shall submit fully and legibly completed reports to the ALD Treasurer.

Article II. Duration of Contract

The work to be performed under this contract is for one season and shall commence on April 1, 20____ and shall be completed by November 30, 20_____.

Article III. Contract Price

The Owner shall pay the Contractor for the labor to be performed under the Contract the sum of \$15.00 for each inspection (boats entering the water) or removal of boats from water.

Article IV. Payments

Signed and fully completed Amston Lake Boat/Trailer Inspection Reports will be submitted as verification of work performed. The Contractor will submit the inspection reports on a monthly basis to the Amston Lake District Treasurer, PO Box 95, Amston CT 06231 for payment. Payments will be mailed out within 14 days of receipt of the inspection reports.

Article V. General Provisions

1. Contractor shall be construed as an independent contractor for all purposes of this agreement.
2. The work of this contract may not be subcontracted.
3. The Contractor will not give the key, copies of the key, or the lock combination (if a combination lock) to anyone else. If a combination lock is used, the combination wheels will be spun immediately after opening, so that others do not see the combination.
4. The Contractor may open/close the boat launch gate (without compensation) to allow entrance/exit from the lake of his/her boat.

_____	_____	_____
Contractor Signature	Contractor Printed Name	Date

_____	_____	_____
Contractor Lake Address	Contractor Phone	Contractor Email Address

_____	_____	_____
ALD Rep Signature	ALD Rep Printed Name	Date

The objective of the inspection is to ensure that only Amston Lake residents are able to launch boats at the boat launch and that no weeds of any kind are present anywhere on the boat or trailer before entering Amston Lake. Be sure to conduct a thorough inspection regardless of whether you know or think that the boat/trailer have no weeds on them.

If you see a boat/trailer waiting to access the boat launch, inquire whether they have already made arrangements to open the gate. If so, do not open the gate until the boat owner has been waiting 15 minutes past the agreed upon time, out of courtesy to the other inspector.

Do not open the gate until after you have completed your inspection and the inspection report.

Inquire whether the boat has recently been in any other body of water. Explain to the boat owner that many lakes are being ruined by invasive weeds and that it only takes one small piece to ruin our lake. Distribute the information sheet on invasive weeds and the “clean and dry” procedure.

Inspect for a current boat sticker. If they have a current boat sticker, but it’s not the striped boat ramp sticker, check the title/current registration and send a picture of the document from your phone to amstonlakepasses@gmail.com. After 7/1/25, all boats using the boat ramp must have a striped boat ramp sticker. Do not unlock the boat ramp if the proper documentation is not provided. Contact Karen Patterson at pattersonk113@gmail.com or 860.604.7696 with questions.

Ask if there is any live bait onboard. If so, inspect to make sure there are no weeds in the bait container and instruct the boat owner not to pour water or leftover bait into the lake after fishing, as it may contain some contamination.

Thoroughly inspect the boat trailer, which includes:

- Inside the boat – check for weeds inside the boat, on the floor, fishing lines, poles, live well, anchor.
- Outside the boat – check all surfaces including boat motor, trailer axle, springs, wheel area, fenders, boat seams, and the pads or rollers which support the boat on the trailer. Use a flashlight to inspect under the boat to ensure you can see the areas well.
- In particular, inspect the contact area on all sides of the pads and rollers including the inside area under the boat. If weeds are pinched between the boat and support pads or rollers, the boat must be lifted to allow removal of the entire weed. Don’t just tear off the exposed part of the weed, as the remainder may propagate once in the lake.
- You must get down low and close (preferably on hands and knees) to adequately inspect those areas on the trailer and bottom of the boat, or the inspection has not been done properly.

Remove any weeds found and place in a plastic bag for safe disposal. If the boat has been in any other body of water, do not allow entrance to the lake until the boat and trailer have followed the clean and dry procedure.

Complete the inspection form and have the boat owner/District resident sign the inspection form.

Open the lock on the gate and if a combination lock, immediately spin the combination so that others cannot see the combination.

Close the gate and lock it after the boat and trailer have exited the launch area. Boat trailers should be moved from the beach area after launching (Berglund property is permissible) and not left at the beach unattended.

Submit all signed inspection reports to the Amston Lake District Treasurer (PO Box 95, Amston CT 06231) at the end of the month for payment.