



Protecting Michigan's Water

Michigan has 750 marinas and nearly one million registered boats. It is one of the top boating states in the nation. But this popularity also has a downside. Each year, hazardous substances are inadvertently released into Michigan's waters as a result of common boating practices.

The Michigan Clean Marina Program was developed to protect water resources and wildlife habitat by promoting environmentally sound marina and boating best practices. This is a voluntary stewardship program open to all public and private marinas in Michigan.

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How It Works

The Clean Marina Program encourages marinas to develop technically sound and economically feasible approaches to reduce waste and prevent the release of hazardous substances. A simple 10-step process helps marinas achieve Clean Marina certification.

Program Objectives

The Michigan Clean Marina Program was developed through a public-private partnership involving the marine industry, academic institutions and state government.

Objectives include:

1. Foster communication among the various agencies and groups.
2. Promote voluntary implementation of pollution prevention strategies, environmental risk reduction and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement.
3. Encourage industry compliance with environmental laws and regulations impacting the marina industry through education and outreach.
4. Develop economic incentives and recognition for environmentally proactive marina operations.

Take the Pledge

Program Benefits

Certified Marinas can:

- Reduce pollution and improve water quality in Michigan's waterways and the Great Lakes.
- Protect fish, plant and wildlife habitat.
- Enhance public image by promoting environmentally sound practices.
- Save money by adopting cost-effective best management practices.
- Take advantage of free publicity through program promotions.

Program Resources

The Michigan Clean Marina website includes links to pledge forms, the site visit checklist, a current list of certified Clean Marinas along with more resources.

The Clean Marina Online Classroom is a new way to learn about best practices and to communicate with other marina businesses in the program.

Training materials include examples of best practices for every aspect of marina businesses, from vendor contracts to cost-saving measures.

Materials address:

- Siting Considerations
- Marina Design and Facility
- Storm Water Management
- Boat Maintenance and Repair
- Petroleum Control
- Sewage Handling
- Waste Containment and Disposal
- Marina Management
- Laws and Regulations

Go Online

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Steps to Become a Certified Michigan Clean Marina



Step 1
Contact a Michigan Clean Marina Representative



Step 2
Sign Pledge Statement



Step 3
Enroll in program and training workshop



Step 4
Perform marina self-evaluation



Step 5
Schedule site visit



Step 6
Site visit and evaluation by Clean Marina consultant



Step 7
Marina incorporates recommendations from site visit



Step 8
Clean Marina committee recommends certification



Step 9
Receive benefits as certified Michigan Clean Marina



Step 10
Re-certification at three year anniversary, and then every five years