



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 Michigan Clean Marina Program encourages marinas to develop environmentally 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:

1. Foster communication among 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 Clean Marinas:

- 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 the pledge and training registration form, the certification checklist, a current list of certified Michigan Clean Marinas, and more resources.

The Clean Marina Classroom is the primary training resource for the program. The course is designed to help marina operators reach certification in a self-paced, convenient way.

The online classroom includes examples of best practices for every aspect of marina businesses — from vendor contracts to cost-saving measures.

Units 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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10-Steps to Certification



Step 1

Marina contacts a Michigan Clean Marina representative.



Step 2

Marina enrolls in program through Clean Marina website, signs pledge statement, pays training fee, and begins self-paced training program (Clean Marina Classroom).



Step 3

Marina completes Clean Marina Classroom training and receives classroom certificate from Michigan Sea Grant.



Step 4

Marina performs self-evaluation using Clean Marina certification checklist form and sends a copy to Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA).



Step 5

Marina contacts MBIA to schedule a site visit and pays fee for Clean Marina certification specialist to perform an evaluation of the facility.



Step 6

Certification specialist completes a final checklist and may include recommendations.



Step 7

Marina incorporates recommendations from certification specialist noted on final checklist. Certification specialist sends final checklist to MBIA.



Step 8

Clean Marina Operations Committee recommends certification after reviewing final checklist and certification specialist's recommendations.



Step 9

Marina receives official notice of certification and benefits as a certified Michigan Clean Marina.



Step 10

Recertification at the third-year anniversary, and then every five years. MBIA will send a reminder notice of recertification date to marina.