

CLEAN MARINA WEBINAR

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: MANAGEMENT AT GREAT LAKES MARINAS



Webinar To Discuss Aquatic Invasive Species Management and Clean Marina Best Practices

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COLUMBUS, OH—Marinas, boaters, and other stakeholders from around the country are invited to learn about best management practices for preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) during the Clean Marina Webinar on November 7, 2012, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EST. This is the third webinar in a series of workshops led by Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs as part of the Green Marina Education and Outreach project, an effort to support Clean Marina programs in the Great Lakes region.

Attending the webinar is free, but you must pre-register by November 6. To register, visit <http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/events/?eventID=459>. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with login information. Contact Christina Dierkes at dierkes.10@osu.edu with any questions.

Aquatic invasive species can be transported as a result of human activities, such as the release of ballast water from ships and the improper disposal of bait; transfer from boats, trailers, and fishing equipment; or by boat wash wastewater that enters waterways as a result of removing invasive plants and animals.

Attendees will learn about:

- Potential environmental impacts of boat cleaning for AIS
- Best practices for managing transport and reporting of AIS at marinas and boatyards
- State requirements within the Great Lakes region
- Online resources available for marinas and boaters
- Management options for boat cleaning at marinas and boatyards
- How to engage boaters in the prevention of AIS, including boat cleaning best practices

Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions of Sea Grant specialists from across the Great Lakes via a live chat after the presentation.

Clean Marina programs are part of a national initiative to engage marinas and boatyards in voluntary management practices that improve water quality reduce environmental risk to people and aquatic life, and protect the water resources that sustain the boating industry.

The Green Marina Education and Outreach project is a strategic collaboration between Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs to support Clean Marina education and outreach efforts across the Great Lakes states. This project is supported by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Learn more at miseagrant.umich.edu/greenmarina.