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Celebrate National Marina Day with Picnics, Open Houses and Tours

ANN ARBOR — In Michigan and throughout Great Lakes states, more than a dozen marinas are participating in National Marina Day, June 9. National Marina Day provides communities an opportunity to check out boating for a day. As part of National Marina Day, boaters and others can participate in picnics, fishing sessions and marina tours hosted at harbors and marina facilities. Michigan facilities that are participating can be found [here](#).



National Marina Day sponsors include the Army Corps of Engineers, States Organization for Boating Access and the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

Marinas are a vital part of communities for boaters and non-boaters alike. As gateways to our waterway recreation, marinas are economic contributors, both locally and nationally, and they can act to protect waterfront environments.

Clean Marinas

Celebrate National Marina day by paying a visit to a certified Clean Marina in your area. Clean Marinas go above and beyond required measures to minimize the environmental impacts of boating. The Michigan Clean Marina Program is open to all public and private marinas in the state. The program promotes environmentally sound marina and boating practices to reduce pollution, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and protect Great Lakes water quality.

“Certified Clean Marina operators recognize that boaters and the general public enjoy playing in clean water and being surrounded by healthy habitat and wildlife,” said Josh Gunn, Michigan Sea Grant Clean Marina Extension Educator. “Visiting a Clean Marina on National Marina Day is an excellent way to thank them for doing their part to ensure that future generations can also enjoy the water.”

Learn more about:

- National Marina Day, see: www.nationalmarinaday.org
- Certified Clean Marinas in Michigan, see www.miseagrant.umich.edu/cmp

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