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## **Now Available: Best Management Practices Guide for Marinas**

ANN ARBOR — Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs have worked together to develop a new Great Lakes Clean Marina Best Management Practices Guide. The guide helps marinas and boaters reduce or eliminate pollution from entering the Great Lakes through a series of best management practices.

Marinas and boaters are often the guardians of the water. By outlining best management practices in place at Clean Marinas around the Great Lakes, the guide offers a significant opportunity to protect and improve water quality.

Many of the best management practices are simple, easy and affordable to implement. For example, labeling storm drains with a “No Dumping, Drains to Lake” message or selling environmentally friendly cleaning supplies to boaters. Other BMPs, such as employing softshore engineering to enhance habitat or using pervious pavers instead of concrete or asphalt to protect water quality, require additional effort but offer a great environmental return on investment.

The Green Marina Technical Committee — with representatives from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs, state government and the marina industry — participated in the development of the guide.

**For a copy of the new guide, see the Green Marina project website:**  
<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/greenmarina>

The guide is a product of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative-funded [Green Marina Education and Outreach project](#) lead by [Michigan Sea Grant](#).

### **About the Green Marina Project**

This project is designed to help reduce or eliminate pollution from entering the Great Lakes through boating and marina activities. Project groups have focused on creating uniform best management practices for marinas, and creating an efficient system for the application of best practices in each Great Lakes state through a regional outreach network. The total project budget is \$691,852.

The Green Marina Education and Outreach project is a strategic collaboration between Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs to support education and outreach efforts across the Great Lakes states. Supported by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.