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### Irish Boat Shop to Host Clean Marina Open House

CHARLEVOIX, MI – Irish Boat Shop will host an open house to showcase the Michigan Clean Marina Program, from 1:15-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. The open house will feature a tour of Irish Boat Shop, which has been in operation on Lake Charlevoix since 1971 – and has been a Certified Michigan Clean Marina since 2006. The event offers an opportunity to learn more about the voluntary stewardship program, to meet key stakeholders, and to see some of the recommended best management practices in place.

The public and the media are encouraged to attend to learn more about the program. Representatives from the Michigan Boating Industries Association, Michigan Sea Grant, local government, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department Environmental Quality and the Office of the Great Lakes, and members of the Michigan Waterways Commission will attend.

#### At a Glance

**What:** Michigan Clean Marina Program open house

**When:** 1:15-2:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Aug. 18.

**Where:** Irish Boat Shop,  
13000 Stover Road,  
Charlevoix, Mich.

**Who:** Open to all

### What is the Clean Marina Program?

The Michigan Clean Marina Program is a voluntary program that encourages marinas to adopt environmentally sound and economically feasible marina and boating practices to reduce pollution, enhance fish and wildlife habitat and protect water quality. A 10-step process – including the completion of an online training course and a site visit – helps marinas achieve Clean Marina certification. The program is open to all public and private marinas in Michigan. Currently, there are 40 Certified Clean Marinas around the state, and many others that are currently undergoing training to achieve certification.

For more information about:

- Irish Boat Shop, see: [www.irishboatshop.com](http://www.irishboatshop.com)
- The Michigan Clean Marina Program, see: [www.michigancleanmarina.org](http://www.michigancleanmarina.org)
- Michigan Sea Grant, see: [www.miseagrant.umich.edu](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu)
- The Michigan Boating Industries Association, see: [www.mbia.org](http://www.mbia.org)

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*The Michigan Clean Marina Program is a cooperative effort of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Sea Grant College Program (Michigan State University and the University of Michigan). The Clean Marina Program is supported by the Michigan Clean Marina Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.*