



## Steps to Become a Michigan Clean Marina



**Step 1**  
Contact MBIA, Michigan  
Sea Grant or MDEQ



**Step 2**  
Sign pledge card



**Step 3**  
Enroll & Receive Training  
Materials or Attend Workshop



**Step 4**  
Perform marina self-evaluation



**Step 5**  
Schedule site visit



**Step 6**  
Site visit and evaluation by  
Clean Marina representative



**Step 7**  
Marina incorporates  
recommendations



**Step 8**  
Final site visit



**Step 9**  
Clean Marina designation



**Step 10**  
Receive benefits  
as Michigan Clean Marina



**Step 11**  
Re-designate at 3rd year  
anniversary

## Program Objectives

The Michigan Clean Marina program was developed through a public-private partnership involving the marine industry, academic institutions and state government. Objectives include the following:

1. Foster communication among the marina industry, state agencies, academic institutions and environmental groups.
2. Promote voluntary implementation of pollution prevention (P<sub>2</sub>) strategies, environmental risk reduction and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement in the context of good business practice.
3. Promote industry compliance with environmental laws and regulations impacting the marina industry through education and outreach.
4. Develop recognition and economic incentives for environmentally proactive marina operations.



## How It Works

The clean marina program encourages marinas to develop technically sound and economically achievable approaches to prevent the release of hazardous substances and reduce the generation of waste. A simple 11-step process helps marinas achieve a clean marina designation.

## Benefits for Marinas

- Reduce pollution and improve water quality in the Great Lakes and Michigan waterways
- Protect fish and wildlife habitat
- Enhance your marina's image to the boating public by promoting environmentally sound practices
- Receive recognition by flying the Clean Marina flag and using the Clean Marina logo
- Save money by adopting cost-effective, best-management practices



## Protecting Michigan's Water

Boating is one of Michigan's most popular pastimes. Michigan has 1 million registered boats—more than any other state—and 750 marinas. 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 clean marina program was developed to protect water resources and wildlife habitat by promoting environmentally sound marina and boating practices. The Michigan Clean Marina program is a voluntary stewardship program open to all public and private marinas in the state.

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