



CLEAN & GREEN Boating Tips

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Clean and green boating is a way we can ensure that our lakes remain a great place to live, work and play.

- 1. Prevent oily discharge from the bilge:** Keep your engine well tuned to prevent fuel and oil leaks. Place oil absorbent pads where drips may occur and in your bilge. Check the pads often and dispose of them at your marina or waste collection center.
- 2. Spill-proof your oil changes:** Use an oil change pump to transfer oil to a spill proof container. Wrap a plastic bag or absorbent pad around the oil filter to prevent oil spills.
- 3. Spill-proof fuelling practices:** Fill fuel tanks slowly and carefully and use absorbent pads or rags to catch drips and spills. Don't "top off" or overflow your fuel tank and leave 5% empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms.
- 4. Don't add soap:** Using soap to disperse fuel and oil spills will harm water quality even more.
- 5. Minimize boat cleaning and maintenance in the water:** If possible save maintenance projects for the boatyard. When performing work on the water minimize your impact by containing waste using tarps and vacuum sanders, and collect all drips and debris for proper disposal.
- 6. Stow it, do not throw it!** Keep your trash on board. Never throw cigarette butts, fishing line, or any other garbage into the water. Take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle.
- 7. Reduce toxic discharges from bottom paints:** Use hard, less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paints and follow non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge. Dry storage reduces the need for antifouling paints and saves money.
- 8. Dispose of hazardous waste properly:** Recycle or dispose of paints, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters and other hazardous wastes at a hazardous waste collection facility or event. Call the BC Recycling Hotline at 1-800-667-4321, go to productcare.org or ask your marina for a location.
- 9. Plan ahead to manage toilet wastes properly:** Check with the marina for locations of pump-out facilities. If you don't have an installed toilet use a port-a-potty and empty it at pump out station or shore-side bathroom.
- 10. Reduce your impact and limit greywater discharges:** Check out the suggestions on the other side of this page.

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