

BE A GOOD BOATING STEWARD

Employ some of the following steps to help keep our waters healthy.

LITTERING – REDUCE, RECYCLE AND CONTAIN TRASH

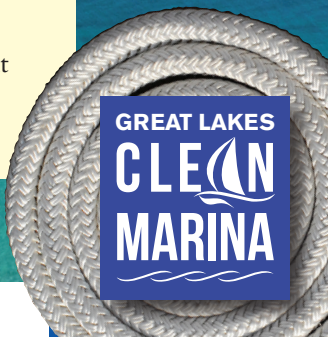
- Avoid products with plastic or excessive packaging.
- Purchase drinks in recyclable containers and recycle them.
- Use a reusable water bottle.
- Prevent trash being thrown or blown overboard, including cigarette butts.

FUEL/OIL SPILLS – PREVENT AND CLEAN UP

- The Clean Water Act prohibits the discharge of oil or oily waste into water.
- Follow best practices for fueling.
- Maintain your bilge.
- Properly dispose of oil absorbent materials.
- Use preventative equipment like a fuel/air separator along your vent line.



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SEWAGE

- Maintaining a properly functioning sewage system.
- Use best practices in sewage handling.
- Sanitation devices must be certified by U.S. Coast Guard.

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Wash frequently with water and a sponge first.
- Select the least toxic product for the job.
- Use soaps that are phosphate free, biodegradable and nontoxic.
- Avoid ammonia, sodium hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents (bleach), petroleum distillates and lye.
- Use alternative cleaning products such as baking soda and vinegar.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Check and remove plants and animals from the following:

- Boat hull, bottom and sides (visible mud or sand).
- Anchor and anchor line.
- Trailer, including rollers, trailer axle and lights/wiring.
- Sailboats and kayaks, including centerboard or rudders.
- Motorboats, including motor/prop, bunks and intake grate.



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