

GREAT LAKES CLEAN MARINA NETWORK

The Great Lakes Clean Marina Network is a group of Great Lakes marina and boatyard stakeholders brought together by a common goal: share knowledge and resources that promote environmentally sound, economically feasible practices that protect the Great Lakes.

It consists of representatives from private industry, government agencies, universities and non-profit organizations.



EVOLUTION

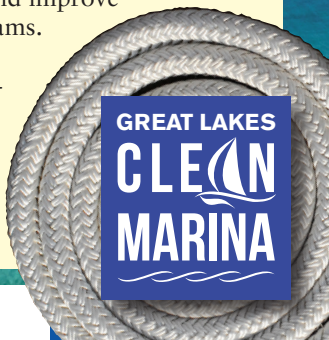
The Network evolved from the Green Marina Education and Outreach Project (2010-2013), a collaborative effort of Great Lakes states Clean Marina programs. The project served to increase communications and resource sharing across Clean Marina programs in the Great Lakes region.

The Network quickly expanded from three to six Great Lakes Clean Marina programs. Resource managers, marina operators, Sea Grant experts and others collaborated on the development of regional resources and crafted a common mission for future Great Lakes Clean Marina efforts.

WHY HAVE A NETWORK?

Network activities support and improve existing Clean Marina programs.

The network continues to support educational opportunities, including in-person workshops, as well as online training and webinars for marina operators, that help lead to certification.





MISSION

The mission of the Great Lakes Clean Marina Network is to ensure that quality of life, economic prosperity and environmental quality are achieved in the Great Lakes Region by increasing participation in Clean Marina efforts.

PARTNERS

In the spirit of regional cooperation, marina and boatyard operators, boating industry organizations, university scientists, Sea Grant programs, and state and federal government agencies contributed time and expertise to this initiative. This effort was supported by Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

RESOURCES

A variety of resources were developed to increase information sharing and efficiency across the Great Lakes states' Clean Marina programs, including:

- Clean Marina Classroom online training, see: cleanmarinaclassroom.org
- Boater tip sheets available through your state Clean Marina coordinator
- Public outreach tools and photos of best practices, see: www.glcleanmarina.org

The Great Lakes Clean Marina Network supports education about the application of best practices to protect water quality. A collaborative effort of marina specialists, natural resource managers and others, the Network is supported by Great Lakes Sea Grant programs and the GLRI through the U.S. EPA.