# WHY VISIT A CLEAN MARINA?

Taking your business to a Clean Marina helps protect Great Lakes water quality and the coastal environment.

### **GREAT LAKES, GREAT BOATING**

The Great Lakes region includes nearly 11,000 miles of United States and Canadian shoreline and spans more than 94,000 square miles of water. Thanks to these resources, the Great Lakes region is a premier boating destination.

This popularity can take a toll on the environment. Each year, hazardous substances are inadvertently released into Great Lakes waters as a result of common boating practices. These releases can harm fish and wildlife and degrade our shared aquatic resources.

#### CLEAN MARINAS PROTECT GREAT LAKES WATER

Clean Marinas voluntarily review their stormwater management, fueling, and cleaning practices to reduce impacts to water quality and the coastal environment.

#### FIND A CLEAN MARINA

For a map of Clean Marina locations in the Great Lakes region, visit: *glcleanmarina.org/locations*.

GREAT LAKES

## 10 REASONS TO BE PROUD THAT YOU BOAT AT A CERTIFIED CLEAN MARINA

- 1. Clean Marinas keep oil, fuel, sewage, anti-fouling paints, solvents, cleaning products, plastics, soil, and nutrients out of Great Lakes boating waters.
- 2. Maintaining high water quality keeps habitats healthy for humans, fish, and wildlife.
- 3. Clean water is safer and more desirable for swimming.
- 4. Reduced trash and contamination mean lower overall waste and potentially lower costs for boaters, marinas, and boatyards.
- 5. Clean Marinas and responsible boaters help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- 6. Clean Marinas attract boaters who appreciate a cleaner environment and follow good boating practices.
- 7. Better marina design improves water circulation and reduces the need for dredging.
- 8. Clean Marinas enhance the positive image of coastal communities and contribute to regional economic prosperity.
- 9. Educated marina staff members adhere to environmentally sound best management practices.
- 10. Everybody wins when we keep Great Lakes waters clean!



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