

Boating is good, clean and fun! Let's keep it that way.

Tips for Boating Clean & Green:

1. **Practice Preventive Engine Maintenance.** Keep your engine well tuned and practice preventative engine maintenance by regularly checking hoses and lines for chaffing or deterioration.
2. **Use Oil Absorbents.** Place and secure an oil absorbent under the engine and in the bilge. Avoid using bilge cleaners as they may get discharged overboard. It is illegal to use soap to disperse fuel and oil spills. Report oil and chemical spills by calling both the National Response Center (800) 424-8802 and 1-800-OILS-911
3. **Spill-Proof Your Fueling Practices.** Use a spill proof system like a portable oil change pump to change your oil. Use oil absorbents when fueling and changing the oil. Do not top-off your fuel tank; leave it 10 percent empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms.
4. **Reduce Greywater Discharges.** Use shore-side facilities for laundry, showers and dish washing whenever possible. Use only phosphate-free and biodegradable soaps. The legality of discharging greywater into a marina or within three miles off the coast varies from place to place. In some areas, there are local ordinances and codes that allow harbor patrol to issue citations for any discharge that is not "clean and clear". To avoid any potential fines and to protect the aquatic environment, do not discharge greywater overboard.
5. **Dispose of Hazardous Waste Properly:** Recycle and properly dispose of absorbents, used oil, oil filters, paint, and batteries at your local household hazardous waste collection site.
6. **Minimize boat cleaning and maintenance conducted on the water.** Use more elbow grease. Use products that are water-based, biodegradable, phosphate-free, and labeled as less toxic. Check out less toxic cleaning alternatives for all types of uses by visiting: www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/lesstoxic.htm | Buy only the amount that you need and use products for spot cleaning only. Properly handle and store materials. Dispose of hazardous waste legally and safely.
7. **Reduce Discharges from Bottom Paints.** Consider alternative, non-biocide hull coatings. Clean the bottom with a soft, non-abrasive sponge. Use hull cleaning companies who use green management practices such as monitoring their divers and using non-abrasive scrubbing agents that do not release paint into the water. For more information: ucanr.org/sites/coast/
8. **Stow it, Don't Throw it.** Keep your trash on-board. Recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper. Avoid excess packaging.
9. **Dump at the Pump!** It is illegal to discharge untreated sewage anywhere within the three-mile territorial limit including lakes, rivers, reservoirs or coastal waters. Never discharge treated sewage into "restricted waters" such as a marina, swimming/wading areas, a sanctuary, poorly flushed areas, lakes, reservoirs, or freshwater impoundments and federal No Discharge Zones. Use sewage pumpouts, dump stations, or mobile-pumpout services. For locations visit: CA- www.dbw.ca.gov ; WA - <http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating/pumpout> ; or OR: <http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/Clean/CVA.shtml>
10. **Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.** Before leaving any body of water, examine your boat and equipment and remove any visible mud, plants, or animals before transporting equipment. Never release plants or animals into a body of water or storm drains unless they came out of that body of water. Clean and dry anything that came in contact with the water. For cleaning procedures visit www.protectyourwaters.net/

For hazardous waste recycling or collection centers call 1-800-CLEAN-UP or visit www.earth911.org.



Visit these websites to learn more about clean boating: CA: www.dbw.ca.gov www.coast4u.org (click on Boating Clean and Green) or call (415) 904-6905,

WA: <http://boat.wa.gov/> or call (206) 297-7002 and in OR: <http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/Clean/> or call (503) 378-8587