

MARINA BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Marinas are now financially and legally liable for the consequences of contaminants entering the environment from their facilities.

Changing our environmental habits has a price. But an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are an ounce of prevention. Clean-ups are a pound of cure. Penalties and fines are several pounds of cure. By adopting and following a set of BMP's the cost can be kept to a minimum and the environment will be protected. Please keep the following policies in mind while working on a vessel at the Washburn Marina.

MARINA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

1. All self-employed boat workers and independent contractors must register with, and receive approval from, Management before beginning any work on Marina property. Current Certificate of Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$1,000,000 is required on file. Contractors WILL NOT BE ALLOWED under any circumstances without proof of insurance.
2. Owners may undertake boat projects as needed to maintain their vessels safety, appearance and utility. New or substantial exterior work encompassing more than 25% of the hull's surface must be reviewed and approved by the Marina. Any sanding or grinding of the vessel's surface requires Marina approval.
3. All vessel owners *are required* to adhere to the following BMP's. Please refer to the Wisconsin Clean Marina Boaters Tip Sheets for additional information and details:
 - **ENGINE AND BILGES**
 - Use absorbent bilge pads to soak up oil and fuel
 - Recycle oil and diesel properly.
 - Dispose of gasoline properly.
 - Dispose of oil filters properly, they are not allowed in the regular garbage dumpsters.
 - Do not discharge bilge water if there is sheen to it.
 - **Do not dispose of any fuels, used oil or used filters in the marina's dumpsters.**
SPECIAL DISPOSAL CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE – SEE STAFF FOR ASSISTANCE.
 - **PAINTING AND VARNISHING**
 - Limit the amount of open solvents or paints on the dock to one gallon.
 - Always mix paints and epoxy over a tarp.
 - Always use drip pan and drop cloth.
 - Spray painting is not allowed within the marina.
 - Use up remaining paint by spreading on an old board.
 - **Do not dispose of paints/solvents in the marina's dumpsters.**
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 - **SURFACE PREPARATION**
 - Use biodegradable cleansers and teak cleaners.
 - Liberally use tarps to capture all scrapings, debris, and drips.
 - Stretch tarps between side of boat and dock when working over the water.
 - Vacuum dust and debris every time you move the tarp or every hour.
 - **SEWAGE**
 - Untreated sewage should never be discharged directly overboard.
 - Store sewage in holding tanks, dispose of properly at pumpout stations.
 - Use shore-side facilities as often as possible.
 - **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**
 - Dispose of all garbage in proper shore-side receptacles.
 - Paint cans with unused product must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
 - Recycle glass, newspaper and aluminum in specially marked dumpster.
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 - **CHEMICAL STORAGE**
 - Purchase only the amount of chemicals/paint you need for the project.
 - Do not store chemicals, including paint and varnish, or fuel in dock box.
 - Review storage of paints and solvents every six months, and properly dispose of old or unnecessary products.
 - Do not store more than 3 gallons total of paint and solvents.

Your efforts in protecting our environment are appreciated!

Washburn **Marina**

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The Wisconsin Clean Marina program was implemented by UW Sea Grant Institute in 2009, targeted initially to commercial and public boating facilities on the Great Lakes. It is now open statewide. The Program is designed to bring awareness to marine facilities and boaters regarding environmentally friendly practices intended to protect and preserve Wisconsin's waterfront environment. Washburn Marina achieved Clean Marina Certification in June 2011 and recertification in June 2016.

The program offers designations as "Clean Marinas" to those facilities demonstrating a commitment to implement and maintain a host of best management practices.

Benefits of becoming a designated Clean Marina include:

- Improving water quality in the Great Lakes
- Protecting fish and wildlife habitat
- Enhancing public image by promoting environmentally-sound practices
- Reducing costs by adopting best management practices
- Encouraging compliance with local, state and federal regulations and laws before compliance or fines are imposed.
- Provide educational opportunities and events to the local boaters promoting environmental sensitivity
- Become an exemplary steward of the waterway.

Washburn Marina staff and our boaters will be informed of ways in which they can assist and comply. We are proud to be a "Clean Marina" on the shores of Chequamegon Bay and Lake Superior.