

Executive Summary / Frequently Asked Questions



ABOUT CLEAN MARINA WASHINGTON

Clean Marina Washington is an incentive-based certification program in which marinas assess their operations and implement improvements to better protect the environment. When they reach the qualification standards of Clean Marina Washington they earn the right to "fly the flag."

How do I become certified?

To become certified, marinas complete the Application Packet which includes an Eligibility Checklist, Application Worksheet and One Year Goal(s) and schedule a site visit with a Clean Marina staff person. Clean Marina Staff are often able to assist the marina in meeting any remaining requirements.

Upon certification, a One-Year Goal is agreed upon by the marina and Clean Marina staff in order to continue and expand pollution prevention activities in the marina.

What's involved in becoming certified?

The requirements can be summarized in the following 2 areas:

1. Marina Facility, Policies and Tracking Systems:

- Hazardous waste is handled correctly and any hazardous waste transferred off-site is accounted for.
- Oil recycling and hazardous waste storage are properly signed, protected from weather, and have secondary containment to reduce the risk of spills.
- Marina waters are cleaned on a regular basis to avoid accumulation of marine debris.
- Marina has a spill response plan and employees are trained to notify the appropriate parties in the event of a spill. NOTE: Clean Marina Washington does not require that marina employees physically respond to a spill event.
- Recycling is offered to the tenants up to the level that is collected in the community.
- Marina is in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. NOTE: Clean Marina site visits are voluntary and are not viewed as compliance inspections.

2. Boater policies and signage:

- Marina has adopted Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Boaters: Marinas may either adopt the Clean Marina BMPs (available electronically) or revise their own BMPs or rules and regulations to include the items required by Clean Marina (see Application Worksheet for details).
- BMPs are proactively communicated to boaters through a variety of means.
- Signage: Oil Spill reporting, BMPs, and “NO Hazardous Waste Disposal” are all required signage for Clean Marina. In most cases the necessary signage can be provided.

For a full list of certification requirements refer to the Eligibility Checklist and Application Worksheet.

Are there any expensive upgrades necessary for certification?

Generally there are few expenses in becoming certified. For example, Clean Marina does not require installation of facilities such as oil recycling, a boat sewage pumpout, or hazardous waste collection in order to become certified. Although these services are extremely valuable to boaters and the environment, there can be site-specific factors that make one or more of these services impractical or unsafe.

What are the benefits of certification?

Clean Marina certification is an excellent way to show the community, your boating customers and regulators your commitment to protect the environment. You will receive regional recognition, including listings in trade publications. You will also receive free educational materials and templates to help improve your policies and operations without “reinventing the wheel”.

EnviroStars: Clean Marina Washington was created in 2005 as an expansion of the EnviroStars program, which provides incentives for businesses to reduce and better manage their hazardous waste. EnviroStars is a county-run program, currently available in 7 Washington Counties: Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Spokane, and Whatcom. Marinas that complete the certification requirements in these counties earn both Clean Marina and EnviroStars certifications. To avoid confusion, the application materials and certification process are the same for the two programs.

To learn more or to schedule a site visit:

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