

Executive Summary / **Frequently Asked Questions**



About Clean Marina Washington

Clean Marina Washington was created in 2005 as an expansion of the EnviroStars program. It 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, Worksheet with Goal(s) statement 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 to continue and expand pollution prevention activities at the marina.

What's involved in becoming certified?

The requirements can be summarized into two distinct groups:

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 areas are properly marked, protected from weather, and have secondary containment to reduce the risk of spills.
- Debris and trash are removed 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.
- Recycling is offered to the tenants up to the level that is collected in the community.
- Marina follows applicable environmental laws and regulations. NOTE: Clean Marina site visits are voluntary and are not viewed as compliance inspections.

Boater policies and signage:

- Marina has adopted Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Boaters: Marinas may either adopt the Clean Marina BMPs 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 is displayed. Oil Spill reporting, BMPs, and "NO Hazardous Waste Disposal" are all required signage for a 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 pump out, or hazardous waste collection 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”.

To learn more or to schedule a site visit:

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