

Maryland Clean Marina Initiative 2025 Seminars



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Clean Marina Program Mission



The Maryland Clean Marina Program was formed in response to federal legislation to address “non-point source pollution” (i.e. runoff) from the industry.

The program promotes the voluntary adoption of measures to prevent pollution by marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, **and** *recreational boaters*.



Non-point source pollution



Marina Impact

Boaters



MARINAS/YACHT
CLUBS



Waterways



Certification Basics



- Why?
- How?
- When and where?
- Who, Me?

Benefits of Certification



1. Help understanding all the rules and regulations.
2. Free promotion from DNR online, at boat shows, in ads
3. Cleaner, safer workplace.
4. Reduced marine insurance premiums.
5. Stay competitive.
6. Weed out problem customers.
7. Protect the natural resources your marina depends upon.
8. Good PR



What is a Clean Marina?



1. Comply with all applicable environmental regulations.
2. Adopt a significant proportion of the pollution prevention practices in the *Maryland Clean Marina Guidebook*.
3. Pass a site inspection by a program staffer and the manager of another Clean Marina.

Designation Process

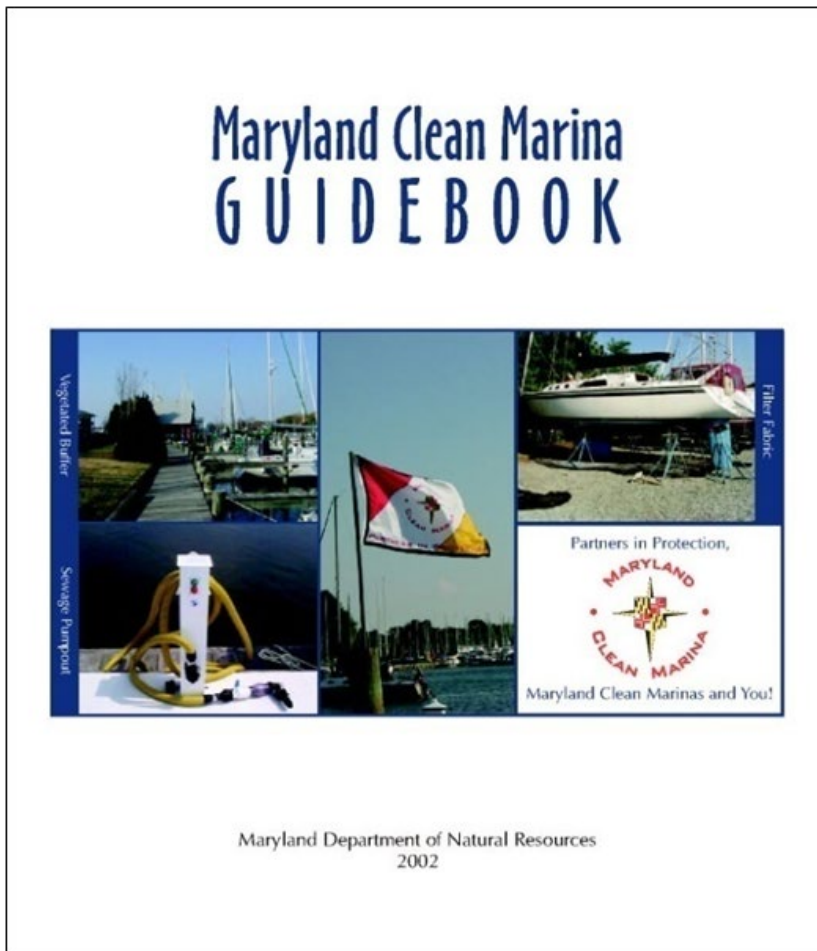


1. Review Program Materials
2. Sign "Clean Marina Pledge" (optional)
3. Initial site visit with program staff (optional but recommended)
4. Implement changes that YOU choose, to meet award scores
5. Certification Visit with DNR staff and manager of another Clean Marina
6. ApprovalEnjoy rewards!
7. Renewal

1. Program Materials

The Clean Marina Guidebook:

- Stormwater Management
- Boat Repair and Maintenance
- Petroleum Control & Emergency Planning
- Sewage Handling
- Waste Containment and Disposal
- Marina Management
- Laws and Regulations



MD Clean Marina Guidebook




Each Chapter Contains:

- Environmental Concerns (why should you *care*?)
- Legal Information (what *must* you do?)
- Pollution prevention practices (what *should* I do?)

Award Checklist



Clean Marina Award Checklist



Marina Name: _____ Marina Type _____
 Owner/Manager: _____ Marina, no boatyard _____
 Address: _____ Marina with boatyard _____
 Phone: _____ Boatyard, no slips _____
 _____ Other _____

This form is intended to be used by marina operators to conduct self assessments of their facilities. Ultimately, it will also be used by representatives of the Maryland Clean Marina Initiative to verify self assessments. The page numbers refer the reader to the *Maryland Clean Marina Guidebook*, available from the Clean Marina Initiative by calling 410-260-8770. A diamond (♦) after an entry indicates that the reader should refer to the *Guidebook* for specific legal requirements.

Clean Marina Awards will be presented to those marinas that meet or exceed the minimum required score per area. Scoring is based on applicable items only. Please note, it is not necessary to implement all of the recommended practices to be recognized as a Maryland Clean Marina. **It is necessary, however, to be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.**

The "not applicable" (N/A) option is offered so that items which are beyond your control or which simply do not apply to your operations, will not be counted against you in the scoring process. For example, if you do not have a septic system, check N/A for Area 4 number 6. Likewise, if the salinity of your marina waters will not support oysters, mark N/A for Area 8 number 8. There is space at the end of this form to clarify any of your answers or to tell us about other items you would like the reviewers to take into consideration.

Area 1: VESSEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

	YES	NO	N/A
As a condition of the General Permit for Discharges from Marinas, marinas must minimize and contain vessel maintenance debris. pp. 83-86			
DO YOU:			
1. restrict maintenance activities to designated work areas? p. 28 (♦)	_____	_____	_____
2. contain dust from sanding? p. 29	_____	_____	_____
3. contain debris from blasting? p. 29	_____	_____	_____
4. minimize impacts of pressure washing? p. 30, 84 (♦)	_____	_____	_____
5. recommend bottom coatings w/ minimal environmental impact? p. 31	_____	_____	_____
6. minimize impacts of painting operations? pp. 31-32	_____	_____	_____
7. handle solvents appropriately? p. 32 (♦)	_____	_____	_____
8. minimize environmental impacts from underwater hull cleaning in marina waters? (See Clean Boating Tip Sheet for Underwater Hull Cleaning)	_____	_____	_____
9. offer spill-proof oil changes? p. 40	_____	_____	_____
10. provide an oil/water separation service to filter bilge water? p. 40	_____	_____	_____
11. offer MSD inspections and maintenance? p. 50	_____	_____	_____
12. recommend/offer environmental audits or retrofits? p. 70	_____	_____	_____
DO YOU MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM:			
13. engine repair and maintenance? pp. 32-33	_____	_____	_____
14. winterization work? p. 33	_____	_____	_____
15. in-water maintenance? p. 33	_____	_____	_____

AREA 1 SCORE: [_____ "Yes" responses + _____ Number of applicable items] x 100 = _____ % (Need 85%)

- Areas of Checklist follow chapters of Guidebook.
- All questions have page number—follow to the Guidebook for specifics
- You are only scored on items that apply to your marina.

2. Sign the Pledge (optional)



2022 Maryland Clean Marina Pledge

The Maryland Clean Marina Initiative promotes and celebrates voluntary adoption of measures to reduce pollution from marinas and recreational boats. Designated "clean marinas" are recognized as environmentally-responsible businesses.

As the first step toward achieving Clean Marina status and on behalf of

(name of marina or boatyard),

I pledge to do my part to keep Maryland's waterways free of harmful chemicals, excess nutrients, and debris. I will identify opportunities and implement practices to control pollution associated with any of the following activities that apply to my facility:

- Vessel maintenance and repair
- Petroleum storage and transfer
- Sewage disposal
- Solid, liquid and hazardous wastes
- Stormwater runoff
- Facilities management

I commit to actively pursue full standing as a Maryland Clean Marina. Within one year of the date below, I plan to implement appropriate pollution prevention practices and to apply to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for recognition as a Maryland Clean Marina.

Name of Marina Owner

Date

Name of Marina Manager

Date

- “Pledge” to identify ways to reduce pollution and become certified within the year.
- Recognition on DNR website.
- Post it in your office—promote yourself!

3. Informal Site Visit



- We can see what activities are on site.
- Identify areas to
 - save energy and water
 - reduce polluted runoff
 - educate boaters/guests
 - prepare for emergencies
- Identify any missing plans or permits.
- You will get a written summary.



4. Implement *Your* Clean Marina practices



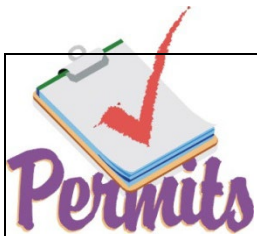
Neat, clean liquid recycling tanks.



Outreach and educating your boaters.



Improve storm water controls—
"rain barrels" are an example



Obtain any missing permits; prepare any required plans.



Update contracts with slip holders and tenants

Clean Marina Practices continued



Free Help from DNR



- Boater education materials
- Sample contract language *
- Sample sign ideas (pp 67-69)*
- Free training guide* and materials for staff
- Compliance assistance to help with plans/permits



Petroleum Control kit and a Clean Boating Tip Card. Free on request.

***In the
Guidebook!**

5. Confirmation Visit



- Time and date convenient to you
- About 90 minutes
- DNR staff and manager of another Clean Marina will walk the site and verify items on the Checklist with you.

Enjoy and Continue!



- Use the Clean Marina Logo, flag, sign.
- Profile on DNR website.
- Maintain training, outreach and records.
- Renew in writing for two years.
- We re-visit Clean Marinas every three years.

Who should participate?



- Boatyards
- Marinas
- Yacht Clubs
- Community Associations
- Municipal Facilities
- All marine facilities welcome!





Testimonials



- 20% of certified marinas saved money as a result of implementing CM practices.
- 29% found new sources of revenue.
- 28% attracted new customers.
- 96% said the benefits of operating a Clean Marina were worth the time and/or money.
- 100% recommended that other marinas join the program.



Questions?



UP NEXT



- Abandoned Boats and Mechanic's Liens
- Pumpout Grant Information

RECAP & ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. Recap
2. Optional marina/boatyard tour
3. Shrinkwrap Recycling 2025
4. Turning the Tide Virtual Summit
5. Sea Level Rise Prediction Tool
6. Evaluations

Seminar Recap



Clean Marina Guidebook and Checklist go hand in hand.



Conduct a self evaluation then contact me to arrange a walk through.



LRS/Mechanic's Liens



Pumpout Grants



25-MA Permit



Marina fuel piping regulations

Shrinkwrap Recycling



**Avoid the MESS
and STRESS and
COST of dumpster
tipping this spring.**

Recycle with Marine
Trades Assn. and the
Clean Marina
Program.

[mtam.org/shrinkwrap
-recycling-for-2025/](https://mtam.org/shrinkwrap-recycling-for-2025/)

Shrinkwrap Recycling



- Pay as you Throw model. \$15/bag.
- The bags indicate that the user has paid into the recycling program costs.
- Build cost into service contracts—see sample in your folder.
- Instructions provided for each customer (in your folder)



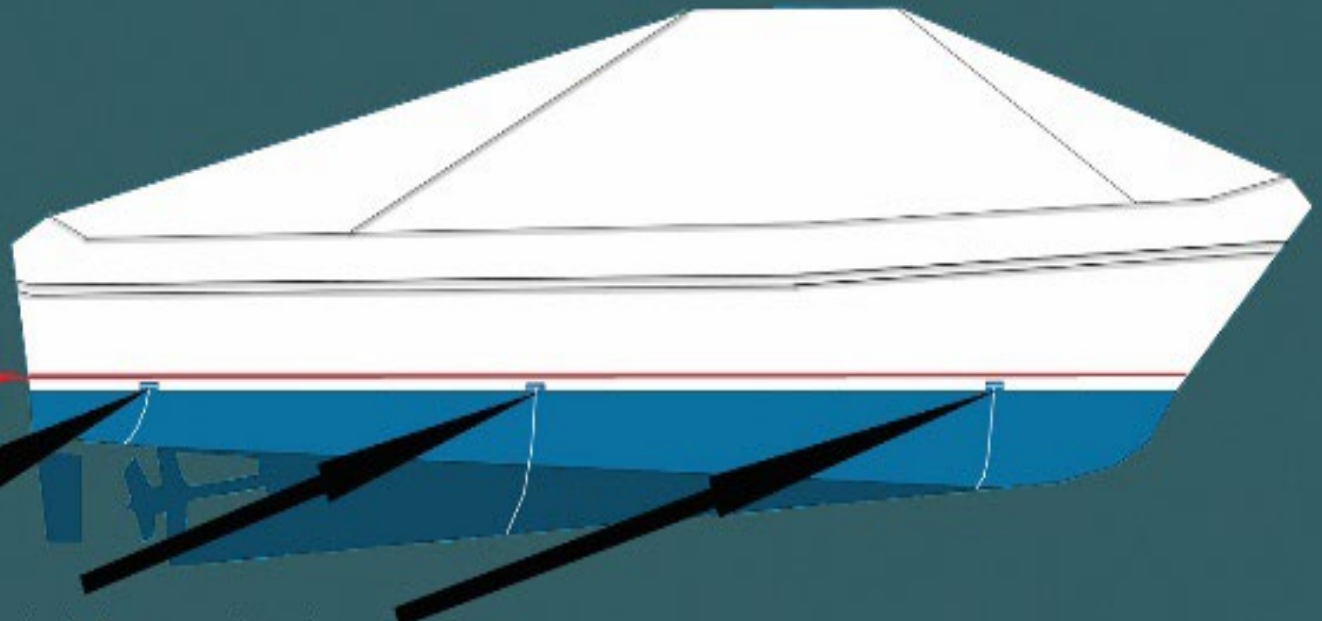
mtam.org/shrinkwrap-recycling-for-2025/



Remove the Wrap Properly!



Cut 2"-4" above strap
or band.



Strap or band holding shrink-wrap in place.

(Dispose of the shrink- wrap that has the strap or banding in it!)

Shrinkwrap Recycling



2024: 65,000 lbs. recycled!

**Order bags at
[mtam.org/shrinkwrap-
recycling-for-2025/](https://mtam.org/shrinkwrap-recycling-for-2025/) this
winter for spring delivery.**

Questions?

shrinkwrap@mtam.org

410-269-0741

Turning the Tide

Virtual Summit Feb 25-27



“Turning the Tide” will be a three-day virtual summit centered on exploring existing and emerging technologies and best practices for **responsible and sustainable disposal of boating-related waste streams.**

- Fiberglass (ADV)s
- Shrinkwrap
- Flares
- Marine debris
- Derelict fishing gear



boatus.org/advgrant
For more information

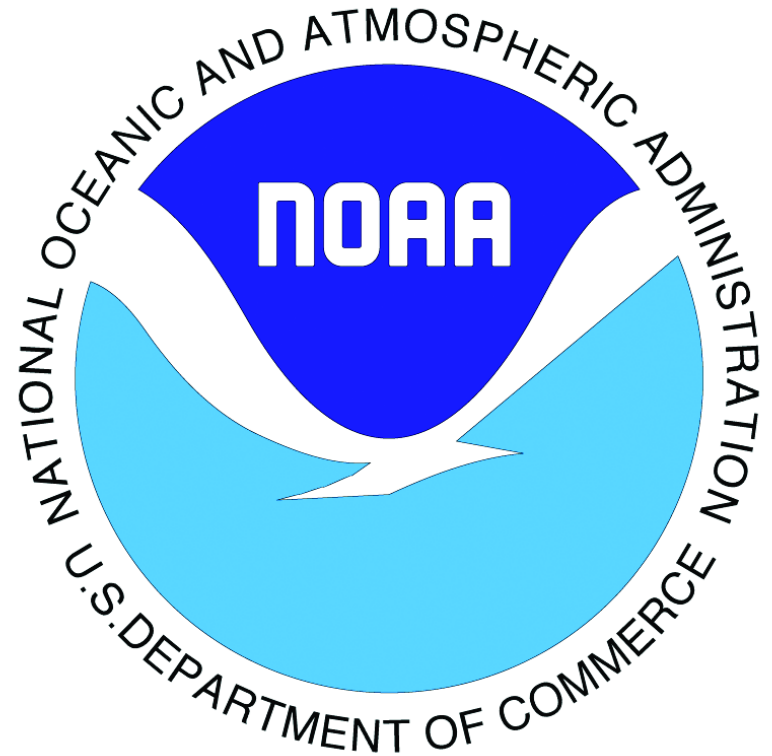
Sea Level Rise



Maryland marinas are in locations vulnerable to sea level rise. NOAA has a tool that will let you see the impacts of different degrees of sea level rise directly at any location.

coast.noaa.gov/slr

- **Long range planning**
- **Redevelopment**



Evaluations & Materials



- Evaluations in your folder
- Take materials
- Marina tour

Clean Marinas—Partners in Protection



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