

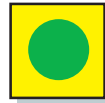


Program Objectives

The Michigan Clean Marina program was developed through a public-private partnership involving the marine industry, academic institutions and state government. Objectives include the following:

1. Foster communication among the marina industry, state agencies, academic institutions and environmental groups.
2. Promote voluntary implementation of pollution prevention (P2) strategies, environmental risk reduction and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement in the context of good business practice.
3. Promote industry compliance with environmental laws and regulations impacting the marina industry through education and outreach.
4. Develop recognition and economic incentives for environmentally proactive marina operations.

Steps to Become a Michigan Clean Marina



Step 1
Contact MBIA,
Sea Grant or MDEQ



Step 2
Sign pledge card



Step 3
Enroll & attend workshop -
receive guide book & checklist



Step 4
Perform marina self-evaluation



Step 5
Schedule site visit



Step 6
Site visit and evaluation by
Clean Marina representative



Step 7
Marina incorporates
recommendations



Step 8
Final site visit



Step 9
Clean Marina designation



Step 10
Receive Benefits
as Michigan Clean Marina



How It Works

The clean marina program encourages marinas to develop technically sound and economically achievable approaches to prevent the release of hazardous substances and reduce the generation of waste. A simple 10-step process helps marinas achieve a clean marina designation.

Benefits for Marinas

- Reduce pollution and improve water quality in the Great Lakes and Michigan waterways
- Protect fish and wildlife habitat
- Enhance public image by promoting environmentally-sound practices and flying the Clean Marina flag
- Save money by adopting cost-effective, best-management practices



Protecting Michigan's Water

Boating is one of Michigan's most popular pastimes. Michigan has 1 million registered boats — more than any other state — and 750 marinas. But this popularity also has a downside. Each year, hazardous substances are inadvertently released into Michigan's waters as a result of common boating practices.

The clean marina program was developed to protect water resources and wildlife habitat by promoting environmentally sound marina and boating practices. The Michigan Clean Marina program is a voluntary stewardship program open to all public and private marinas in the state.

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