

ODNR Division of Watercraft Buckeye Boater

“Ohio Clean Marinas, Clean Boaters Programs Promote Clean and Safe Boating this Summer”

The Ohio Clean Marinas Program has had a successful and eventful summer thus far! In May, we held our 1st annual “Clean and Safe Boating Day at the Bay” at Ohio State University’s Stone Laboratory. As part of “Ready, Set, Wear It” Life Jacket World Record day, 21 participants donned life jackets to promote safe boating in Ohio.



Ohio State University students Kelsey Dick, Ben Leonhardt, Elizabeth Zebrowski and Chelsea Vretenar showed their Buckeye pride while promoting safe boating on “Ready, Set, Wear It” day.

The Ohio Clean Marinas Program partnered with the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District to increase Clean Marina and Clean Boater outreach in Lake County and surrounding counties. A workshop was held in July, and Clean Boater outreach will occur throughout the late summer and early fall. Want to interact more with the Ohio Clean Marinas and Ohio Clean Boaters Programs? [Follow us on Facebook!](#)

Congratulations are in order for the following marinas: City of Sandusky Paper District Marina, Fairport Harbor Rod & Reel, and Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. These newly certified marinas went above and beyond to incorporate environmental best management practices and to do their part in protecting Lake Erie. Want to support Clean Marinas and the great work they do? [View our list of Certified and Pledged Ohio Clean Marinas.](#)

The Ohio Clean Boaters Program continues to grow – there are now over 1,000 Clean Boaters who have pledged to follow Best Boater Practices (BBPs) to keep oil, sewage, toxic boat cleaning and maintenance products, plastics, cigarette butts and other trash, fishing gear and invasive species out of the water. [Take the pledge today!](#)

The Ohio Clean Marinas Program is a proactive partnership among the Ohio Sea Grant College Program, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Lake Erie Marine Trades Association, and other public and private sector partners that are connected to Ohio’s recreational boating industry.

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