

Ohio Clean Marinas Program Newsletter

May 2012



Reminders

- April 15 – June 15, 2012: Ohio Shrink-Wrap Recycling Program
- May 19, 2012: Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day
- June 9, 2012: National Marina Day
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OCMP Highlights

Program Update: Hello! My name is Sarah Orlando and as the new Ohio Clean Marinas Coordinator, I am excited to greet you. I have been on the job for about four months now, and have been able to visit a number of Clean Marinas. I appreciate the warm welcome I've been given and I am encouraged by the stewardship our boaters and marina operators demonstrate for our waters. To date, there are 38 certified Ohio Clean Marinas and 33 marinas have taken the Ohio Clean Marinas Pledge. For those operators who are affiliated with a marina but are not currently participating in the program, I encourage you to consider joining the Clean Marinas Program. You can contact me at (419)-609-4120 or orlando.42@osu.edu.

Shrink-Wrap and Clean Boater Program Update:

In 2011, we kept 155,000 lbs. of shrink wrap out of landfills through the Ohio Shrink-Wrap Recycling Program. Nearly 40 boaters took the Ohio Clean Boater Pledge to follow Best Boater Practices to improve Ohio's water resources. There are now 735 pledged Clean Boaters throughout Ohio!

Regulatory Updates

Updates are noted briefly below. If you have questions or comments, please contact orlando.42@osu.edu.

Ohio Fire Code Changes: Regarding Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks, rule 1301: 7-7-47 is to replace rule 1301: 7-7-44 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and regarding Fuel Management, Chapter 22 is to replace Chapter 28 of the State Fire Code.

Ohio BUSTR UST Requirements: Marina owners who have a UST on their property must undergo training by August 8, 2012 or face penalties. Details

Green Marinas Education and Outreach Project

Update: Progress has been made toward creating a Clean Marinas BMP checklist for the Great Lakes region, thanks to collaboration among Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin. If you are a marina owner/operator and would like to provide input, please contact me at orlando.42@osu.edu. You can find more information about the project at miseagrant.umich.edu/greenmarina/index.html.



At the 2012 Mid-America Boat Show at the I-X Center in Cleveland.

are available at: com.ohio.gov/fire/docs/fire_OpTrainClassFAQ.pdf.

Ohio Department of Health Changes: The Ohio Department of Health will no longer provide any oversight or assistance in this program. IMPORTANT: some cities may look into creating an ordinance through their respective councils. Operators should check in with their city halls periodically to see if a situation like this may affect them. Go to: odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/marina/marina2.aspx.

Ohio Clean Marinas Tip of the Quarter

Handling Trash, Plastic and Fish Waste—Marine Debris

What is Marine Debris?

Any man-made object discarded, disposed of, or abandoned that enters the coastal environment.

Where Does it Come From?

All types of debris can be traced to one source—people. In fact, people's mishandling of waste materials and other items makes up the bulk of the marine debris problem. Researchers typically classify marine debris as coming from land or waterway-based sources.



Marinas and boaters can help improve our waters through changing behaviors that cause marine debris to enter the environment.

Most land-based marine debris reaches the water when people carelessly discard trash while on land. Waterway-based debris reaches the water through people's failure to properly dispose of or stow their trash while onboard their boats and vessels.

Impacts of Marine Debris:

Marine debris poses threats to boaters and the oceans and waterways they enjoy.

Grocery and trash bags, fishing line, nets, and rope can wrap around boat propellers and clog seawater intakes, causing costly engine damage and becoming a safety hazard.

Discarded fishing line, nets, rope, and other debris can entangle, maim, and cause many wildlife species to drown. Some debris, such as cigarette filters and grocery and trash bags, looks like food to many animals. Once ingested, these materials can cause choking and/or starvation.

Abandoned nets, plastic tarps, fishing gear, and other debris can smother and crush sensitive ecosystems and their benthic (bottom-dwelling) species.

What You Can Do as a Marina Operator:

- Set up recycling bins for staff and customers.
- Call your local Department of Environmental Protection to find out what materials can be recycled in your area.
- Clearly label recycling bins and make sure that they are accessible.
- Encourage boaters to set up an onboard system to segregate trash for easy disposal and recycling on shore.
- Keep trash cans, dumpsters, and recycling bins from overflowing by emptying them regularly.

Visit marinedebris.noaa.gov to learn more.

Courtesy of: Sarah Opfer, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator – NOAA Marine Debris Program

Recent and Upcoming Events

2012 Mid-America Boat Show (January): The boat show at the I-X Center in Cleveland welcomed more than 40,000 attendees. The Ohio Clean Marinas Program promoted the Ohio Clean Boater and Clean Marinas Programs throughout the 10-day show. Nearly 700 fuel bibbs were handed out to promote best fuel practices, and more than 4,000 lbs. of shrink-wrap was collected for recycling as well.

OCMP Introductory Workshops (January/March): Two introductory workshops were held this winter/spring. Marina owners, operators, and staff from at least 11 different marinas attended; one marina took the pledge to become a Certified Ohio Clean Marina.

Clean Marina Webinar at IMBC (February): Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs collaborated to broadcast a webinar from the International Marina and Boatyard Conference. Marina and boatyard operators from across the country were provided with the latest information on topics such as invasive species and stormwater management, along with an introduction to Clean Marina programs. See miseagrant.umich.edu/greenmarina/webinar/index.html for a recording and summary of the webinar.

Recent and Upcoming Events *continued*

31st Annual Charter Captains Conference (March): 209 Lake Erie fishing professionals gathered to learn about the 2012 outlook for Lake Erie, fishing licensing and registration, and business management practices. 21 attendees took the pledge to become Ohio Clean Boaters.

Boat Wash Wastewater Management Webinar (March): Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs held a webinar discussing boat wash wastewater handling requirements in the Great Lakes states, and provided a forum for discussion among representatives from public and private sectors. The webinar had 103 participants from more than 20 states. See miseagrant.umich.edu/greenmarina/boatwash/index.html for details.

Shrink Wrap Recycling Spring 2012 (April): Collection is scheduled to begin by mid-April and continue through June. Please continue to remind your employees and boaters to remove nylon strapping from their shrink wrap when uncovering boats. Contact the Clean Marinas Program (419-609-4120) or Mondo Polymer (888-607-4790) with any questions or concerns.

Ready, Set, Wear It! (May): Life Jacket World Record Day – May 19, 2012. Join an event or register your own event to set a world record for most life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated! May 18, 2012: Wear Your Life Jacket to School/Work Day. Find more information at ReadySetWearIt.com.



National Marina Day (June): The Association of Marina Industries and Discover Boating are partnering to promote “Welcome to the Water” on June 9, 2012 for National Marina Day. Go to nationalmarinaday.org for ideas on how to showcase your marina and introduce new boaters to the water on this day. The Ohio Clean Marinas Program and the NOAA Marine Debris Program are partnering to sponsor a Marina Clean-Up on National Marina Day. Stay tuned for more information!

Congratulations to Our Newly Pledged and Re-Certified Ohio Clean Marinas!



The Ohio Clean Marinas Logo is a signal to boaters that your marina is doing its part to protect the cleanliness of Ohio's waters.

Pledged Marinas

- Dutch Harbor Toot Toot, Port Clinton, OH
- Catawba Moorings, Port Clinton, OH

Re-certified Marinas

- Cedar Point Marina, Sandusky, OH
- Sandusky Harbor Marina, Sandusky, OH

“Our pledged and certified marinas currently represent more than 22 percent of all Ohio Lake Erie Marinas.”

See the list of our current Certified and Pledged Marinas at ohioseagrant.osu.edu/cleanmarinas/marinas

Lake Erie News & Info

The constantly changing environment of Lake Erie both directly and indirectly affects marinas. These updates and resources are meant to provide relevant information to help your business.



See the resources to the right for more information about Harmful Algal Blooms, or HABs. Marina owners and boaters should be alert for local beach advisories and changing water conditions as the summer approaches.

Harmful Algal Blooms Information and Resources—Harmful Algal Blooms (also known as HABs, cyanobacteria, and blue-green algae) reached record concentrations in Lake Erie in 2011. As summer of 2012 approaches, please keep the following links in mind for all current advisories and sampling data, forms and contact information to report potential algal blooms, and common sense tips and facts about algae.

- Ohio Sea Grant HABs Fact Sheet
epa.state.oh.us/portals/35/inland_lakes/HABBrochure.pdf
- State of Ohio HABs Website
ohioalgaeinfo.com
- Ohio Department of Health HABs Website
odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/algalblossoms.aspx

Recreational Boating in Ohio—2011 summary from ODNR Division of Watercraft
dnr.state.oh.us/Portals/4/pdfs/reports/rbioBooklet2012.pdf



Lake Erie Water Levels—Lake Erie water levels data can found here:
glerl.noaa.gov/data/now/wlevels/levels.html

Lake Erie Sport Fishing—Walleye bag limit will be six fish from May 1, 2012 to Feb. 28, 2013, and four fish from March 1, 2013, to April 30, 2013; 15-inch minimum size limit. Daily bag limit remains four fish per person during April 2012. Yellow perch daily bag limit will be 30 perch per angler in all Ohio waters from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013; no minimum size limit.
ohiodnr.com/home_page/NewsReleases/tabid/18276/EntryId/2750/Lake-Erie-Sport-Fishing-Outlook-is-Positive.aspx



The Ohio Clean Marinas Program is a proactive partnership designed to encourage marinas and boaters to use simple, innovative solutions to keep Ohio's coastal and inland waterway resources clean. The Program assists these operators in protecting the resources that provide their livelihood — clean water and fresh air.

The basic goal of the Program is environmental stewardship by making marinas and boaters more aware of environmental laws, rules and jurisdictions, and to get as many marinas as possible to follow best management practices and to be designated as "Clean Marinas."

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A partnership to keep Ohio's coastal and inland waterway resources clean.