

## CLEAN BOATING TIPS

### CONTAIN TRASH

- Do not let trash get thrown or blown overboard
- If trash blows overboard, retrieve it-consider it “crew-overboard” practice
- Pack food in reusable containers
- Buy products without plastic or excessive packaging-plastic is deadly to fish and birds
- Do not toss cigarette butts overboard-they are made of plastic (cellulose acetate)
- Purchase refreshments in recyclable containers

### RECYCLE

- Recycle cans, glass, plastic, newspaper, antifreeze, oil and lead batteries
- Bring used monofilament fishing line to recycling bins at your marina or tackle shop

### FUEL CAUTIOUSLY

- Remember, fuel expands as it warms up
- Fill your tank just before leaving on a trip
- If you do full your tank upon your return to port, fill it only 95%
- Use oil absorbent material to catch drips from the fuel intake and vent overflow
- Fill portable fuel tanks ashore, where spills are less likely to occur & easier to clean up

### CONTROL OIL IN THE BILGE

- Keep your engine well tuned: no leaking seals, gaskets or hoses
- Place oil absorbent material or bioremediating bilge boom in the bilge
- Place an oil absorbent pad, and if possible, a tray under the engine
- Replace oil absorbent materials at least once a month
- Check fuel lines for damage-replace with alcohol resistance hoses
- Secure fuel hoses to prevent chafing and leaks
- Never discharge bilge with a sheen-it is illegal

### PROPERLY DISPOSE OF OIL ABSORBANT MATERIALS

- If the pad is saturated with gas, allow it to air dry. Reuse
- If the pad is saturated with diesel or oil, double bag it in plastic: one bag sealed inside another. Dispose of it properly
- Bioremediating bilge booms should not be put in plastic bags-the microbes need oxygen to function

### CLEAN GENTLY

- Wash your boat frequently with a sponge and plain water
- Use phosphate-free, biodegradable and non-toxic cleaners
- Wax your boat-a good coat of wax prevents surface dirt from becoming ingrained
- Clean wood with a mild biodegradable soap & a nylon brush-not harsh chemical cleaners
- Conserve water-put a spray nozzle on your hose

### MAINTAIN YOUR VESSEL WISELY

- Keep your engines tuned to specification for efficient operation
- Observe proper ventilation procedures when fueling

- Bring used solvents & waste gas to local hazardous waste collection day
- Use less toxic propylene glycol antifreeze
- Keep your engine clean so you can spot leaks
- Slip a plastic bag over used oil filters before they are removed to capture drips
- Use premium fuels & oils, never over-fill
- Use alternatives to toxic bottom paints

#### SEWAGE

- Never discharge treated or untreated sewage in waters
- Use restrooms on shore
- Underway, use approved Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs)
- Discharge Type I or II MSDs over deep water beyond the three mile limit
- Establish a regular maintenance schedule for your MSD based on manufacturer's recommendations
- Pump-out and rinse holding tanks regularly, pump-outs are free
- Use enzyme based products to control odor and reduce solids in holding tank
- Avoid holding tank products that contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC) and formaldehyde
- For pump-out information call the dock master

#### DISPOSE OF FISH WASTE PROPERLY

- Do not throw fish waste into marina waters
- Do not use any harmful agents such as bleach to clean up
- Discard waste over deep water or in the trash
- Save waste and use as chum or bait

#### GREY WATER

- Mitigate the discharge of Grey Water
- Refrain from using on board laundry and dish washers that go overboard
- Laundry facilities ashore are recommended
- If soap is necessary use biodegradable soaps in moderation

#### BE A RESPONSIBLE BOATER

- Learn about products and practices which are environmentally safe
- Share the information with other boaters
- Help guests understand that, on your boat, no trash is thrown overboard
- Obey laws governing speeding, littering and discharge
- Encourage boating facilities to provide trash cans, recycling bins and pump-out stations
- Support marinas that are environmentally responsible
- Wear your PFD at all times when underway

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