



Your Actions Keep Our Water Clean

**Boating in Washington provides
great access to our rivers, lakes and
Puget Sound.**

With this privilege comes great responsibility.



**Wildlife and habitat
are already
under pressure from
upland sources of
pollution.**

**Every time you get underway you can
make smart choices that will minimize
your impact.**

**Clean Marinas are
doing their part to
protect water and
wildlife by providing
shoreside disposal of
hazardous materials and
encouraging boaters
to always use Best
Management Practices
(BMPs).**



**Learn how you can help by following the
simple steps on the back of this card.**

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Fueling

- Do not overfill or top off your fuel tank.
- Use oil absorbents or other devices to catch drips.

Maintenance and Repair

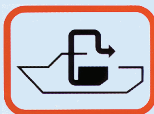
- Keep your boat mechanically sound.
- Never drain engine fluids into the bilge.
- Always haul out at a boatyard for repairs over 25% of the topside area.
- For all projects, capture and contain dust, drips and debris when working over the water.

Boat Washing

- Rinse and scrub your boat often with fresh water.
- Use small amounts of phosphate-free and biodegradable soaps to spot clean.

Sewage

- Do not discharge sewage in the marina basin.
- Untreated discharges are prohibited in state waters.
- Pump, don't dump!



Bilge Care

- Use oil absorbents to clean oily bilges.
- Do not pump contaminated bilge water overboard; use approved shore-side facilities.

Hull Cleaning

- In-water cleaning of boat hulls that have ablative or soft antifouling paints is prohibited.
- Use pressure-wash haulout facilities that collect & treat wastewater.

Hazardous Materials

- Safely dispose of used oil and filters, batteries, unused paint, solvents, antifreeze and other chemicals at your county hazardous waste collection site.
- Buy only what you need, select less-toxic products, recycle!