



Oregon Clean Marina Program Overview



The Oregon Clean Marina Program is a voluntary environmental certification program that recognizes marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, and floating home moorages. The program is implemented in a non-regulatory manner because the Marine Board is not an environmental enforcement agency. Free technical assistance is offered to interested facilities and if environmental problems are identified, then solutions are sought through a partnership not an enforcement action. Along with being in compliance with existing environmental regulations, certified facilities are asked to implement a high percentage of environmentally responsible practices. The goal of this program is to help protect and improve local water quality by promoting the usage of environmentally responsible practices at marinas. The program provides information on how to eliminate or reduce the input of polluting materials – such as oil, paint, cleaning chemicals, sewage, fish waste, and trash – into the environment.

How to become a certified facility:

- Learn about the program – contact the program coordinator for details.
- Take the Clean Marina pledge – sign the pledge form to indicate your intent to work towards pursuing certification within one year or less.
- Conduct a self-assessment – after receiving the program guidebook, use the checklist to evaluate your own facility. It's recommended to contact the program coordinator for technical assistance to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the marina facilities.
- Checklist – categories include moorage rules, boater education, solid waste and stormwater management, sewage and common waste management, fueling, uplands and building maintenance and emergency planning. Items can be required by law, by the program, or optional to implement.
- Schedule a confirmation visit – once it is determined that a facility meets the necessary requirements a confirmation site visit is scheduled. This occurs with the marina manager and the program coordinator and will verify that everything that was required has been completed. A passing score for certification is 85% however; most of the certified facilities score much higher than the minimum.
- Receive your certification – once you pass the confirmation site visit you can receive your certification and other rewards (see incentives below).
- Maintain your certification – Every three years the program coordinator will schedule an on-site visit to confirm everything at the facility is still up to the certification standards.

Certified Clean Marina Incentives:

- Receive a Clean Marina Flag to fly at the marina
- Receive a Clean Marina framed certificate signed by the Oregon State Marine Board Director
- Receive a 45-gal dock-side oil spill response kit with 50ft of absorbent boom in 10ft sections that link together, 50 oil absorbent pads along with non-latex gloves and disposal bags. These contents are refilled at no cost to participating facilities if they are used during an incident and you report it to the program coordinator.
- May receive a discount on marina environmental liability insurance premiums (dependent on insurance company policies)
- Obtain official State recognition for being good stewards of the environment
- Ensure your facility is in compliance with environmental regulations in a non-regulatory manner
- Attract responsible boaters to your establishment
- Receive recognition in Marine Board publications and on their website
- Have access to free environmental technical assistance from the program staff
- Promote your facility as being an environmental steward and get authorization to use the program logo to display on websites, signs, newsletters etc.
- Receive free materials to hand out to boaters or homeowners (for example oil absorbent pads and oil bilge socks)

Program participation as of September 2019 (program is 14 years old!)

Out of the approximately 180 facilities statewide that are eligible to participate in the program, 63 are certified Clean Marina's with several more working towards certification.

Contact Glenn Dolphin if you would like to learn more, schedule a site visit or if you have any questions: glenn.dolphin@oregon.gov or 503-378-2625.