



# Oregon Clean Marina News

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## Oregon's Clean Marina Participation Ranks High Nationwide

Since the last newsletter the number of certified clean marinas has grown, and I anticipate that more of the pledged facilities will complete their required elements and earn their certification during the coming months. When you look at Oregon's program and compare it nationally to the others in the U.S. we are stacking up well against some of the more established programs. For the past two years the nationally distributed Marina Dock Age magazine has been surveying the twenty one states with clean marina programs.

They have been reporting the annual numbers of certified facilities and writing articles about the growing trends nationwide on using "green" business practices in the marina industry. This past winter the magazine reported that Oregon was tied for second in the nation for the most certified facilities in 2007! California was first, Oregon was tied with Florida for second and Washington was not far behind in fourth. This is great news and shows that marina managers are willing to support voluntary efforts to protect Oregon's waterways. Even though there is good support for Oregon's program, we still only have 14% of the marinas statewide certified. If Oregon wants to keep pace with the rest of the nation, continue our strong commitment to protecting the environment and sustain boating into the future, we need non-participating marinas to join our efforts. To find out more details and join one of the fastest growing programs in the nation, contact me (Glenn Dolphin) at (503) 378-2625 or [glenn.dolphin@state.or.us](mailto:glenn.dolphin@state.or.us) and we can discuss how this program will benefit you.



Flying the Clean Marina Flag at Salmon Harbor Marina

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## Spring and Summer Outlook

I think we can all agree that this past winter is one to be documented for the record books! Precipitation amounts around the state have been above normal, mountain snow packs have been deeper and at lower elevations and at the time of writing this newsletter, it sometimes still feels like winter instead of spring. However, all of this does have a positive effect on Oregon's hydrologic cycle. With all of our precipitation and abundant snow pack, we can be assured that most if not all of the states reservoirs, lakes and rivers will be full for not only the start of the boating season but hopefully all summer long!





## Marine Board Launch's New Clean Boating Outreach Campaign

Starting during the month of May the Marine Board is launching its new sustainable clean boating outreach campaign. The campaign has a simple message to pass on to boaters, "Boat Clean". Over the next few years a different environmental topic related to boating will be highlighted through a variety of different media outlets. Outlets include: newsprint ads, highway billboards, 11"x17" posters, web banners and special promotional projects. This year's topic is aimed at raising the awareness about the risks to Oregon from aquatic invasive species. Boats can be an avenue for invasive species to hitch rides on across long distances and even from one state to another. Therefore, cleaning your boat between uses is a key element in breaking the transport mechanism that exists when boaters travel from one waterbody to another. Below is what this years artwork looks like so be on the lookout and spread the word.



Highway Billboard



11" x 17" Poster



Follow the ongoing battle at [www.BoatOregon.com](http://www.BoatOregon.com) ...





## Newly Certified Clean Marinas

### Pelican Marina

Located on the southern end of Upper Klamath Lake, Pelican Marina is the first certified facility in the Klamath Falls area. It has been a long cold winter in Klamath Falls and that showed during the certification site visit. Even though the marina was free of ice the majority of Upper Klamath Lake was still frozen in late March. This 80 boat slip marina with its recently installed boat sewage pumpout station and other facility upgrades easily became a certified marina. Included among the many implemented practices at this site were:

- A new garbage recycling program.
- Newly updated moorage rules.
- Used oil recycling.
- Fire code compliant and environmentally sound fuel station.
- Distribution of individual boater spill kits.



Pelican Marina



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### Charleston Marina

This coastal marina is owned and operated by the Port of Coos Bay. With approximately 550 boat slips, this large facility is always busy with boating and fishing activity. The Charleston marina has been hard at work implementing new marina policies to meet the Clean Marina standards. This resulted in a complete overhaul of the marina rules and regulations resulting in a very comprehensive and well written document. Some of the existing practices at this facility include:

- Garbage and used oil recycling.
- Free boat sewage pumpout station.
- Oil spill response equipment.
- Distribution of individual boater spill kits.

In addition some new practices were implemented including:

- Parking lot storm drain oil absorbents.
- Aquatic invasive species signage at the boat ramp.
- Rule signage posted at the fish cleaning tables.



Charleston Marina



## Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination for Aquatic Invasive Species

As many of you have hopefully heard lately, aquatic invasive species have been getting a lot of attention. The recent infestation of Nevada, Arizona and California by the quagga mussel has really created a heightened awareness of the negative impacts this particular invasive has on the environment. Once waterways become infested boating access can be compromised, boat hulls and engines become encrusted and damaged, along with the aquatic food web becoming negatively disrupted effecting fish and wildlife populations. An important prevention tool to avoid the spread and infestation of Oregon’s waterways by aquatic invaders is to have an informed public and trained professionals on the look out for potential risks. The Marine Board’s message to never launch a dirty boat is an easy activity for boaters to implement. Just clean your boat between uses. It’s also very important for marina managers to keep an eye on boat ramps, looking for out of state license plates and engaging your customers in conversations about protecting our natural resources. In addition, the Marine Board in cooperation with other state and federal agencies has been diligently working on policies and procedures for how to handle contaminated watercraft. These protocols are commonly referred to as early detection and rapid response plans. If you find a boat contaminated with aquatic invaders (especially quagga or zebra mussels), it is extremely important that you report the discovery to your local Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Trooper. They will in turn re-inspect the watercraft and notify qualified persons to perform a decontamination of the boat before allowing it to enter Oregon’s waters.

A vital component to an early detection and rapid response plan is to have trained inspectors and responders around the state that can react to reported incidents. To help prepare Oregon, in early March I was sent to attend a “level II” watercraft inspection and decontamination training in Nevada at Lake Mead. The intent of the training was to give hands-on experience to individuals at an active site of contamination by the quagga mussels. Watercraft inspection skills were re-enforced and tested along with an introduction and training on how to use the necessary tools for decontamination. I came back from this experience with a whole new view on how destructive this invasive mussel can be and how important it is to prevent them from entering Oregon. This is truly a prime example of how an active prevention campaign in our state should continue to be implemented so that the mistakes and hardships of the southern western states can be avoided.



Level II training at Lake Mead

As part of Oregon’s outreach efforts, during the months of April, May and June several “level I” inspection and awareness trainings were held throughout the state for many different agency personnel. In addition to these trainings a DVD has been created that does a really good job at explaining the environmental risks, shows inspection techniques and outlines the decontamination process. If you are interested in viewing this DVD please give me a call and you can borrow my copy to train your own staff.



Level I training in Salem





## Oregon's Adopt A River Program

SOLV's Adopt-A-River program is a great way for marinas to take that extra step to help keep Oregon's waterways garbage free. The Oregon State Marine Board is a contributing sponsor of the program and feels that it is a great program to support. The following are some details about the program from SOLV's brochure. "The Adopt-A-River program uses a volunteer based, hands on approach to keeping the state's water clean. Participants take care of their favorite section of river, stream or lake. The commitment is for 2 years doing at least 2 cleanups per year on a minimum stretch of 2 miles of waterway. If you chose to adopt a waterbody then SOLV will provide the following: a comprehensive project planning guide, a certificate of adoption and recognition, free cleanup supplies, and access to their small grant program. If you are ready to take the plunge and adopt your favorite waterway, please apply online at [www.solv.org](http://www.solv.org) on the Oregon Adopt-A-River page. Or contact SOLV and ask for the Oregon Adopt-A-River Program Coordinator at 503-844-9571 or 800-333-SOLV." This is one more way that Oregon's Clean Marinas can contribute to protecting our great state.



**When People Get Together,  
Things Get Done.**

## National Marina Day - Celebrating America's Gateway to Boating

Every year for the past six years the Association of Marina Industries (AMI) has organized a national event that takes place on the second Saturday in August. The seventh annual National Marina Day will be held on August 9, 2008. As stated on AMI's website "the goal of National Marina Day is the education of politicians, civic leaders and the public about the important role the marina industry plays in cities and towns across the nation as family-friendly gateways to boating and stewards of the environment". Currently I am in the process of working with the Oregon Marine Trades Association to plan an event in the Portland area and to try and incorporate this annual event into Oregon's marina industry. If you are interested in planning a celebration at your marina visit AMI's website for more information at:

[www.marinaassociation.org/nmd/](http://www.marinaassociation.org/nmd/)

## Spill Prevention Kits for Boaters Available



The Marine Board currently has Spill Prevention Kits available for distribution by marinas to boaters. Each kit consists of an oil-absorbent pad, instructions for its use and disposal, and a Clean Boater's Guide – all in a handy resealable Ziploc-type bag. Giving these kits out to slip holders helps pass on information about pollution prevention boating practices to the public, as well as fulfill a Clean Marina program requirement. Boxes of these kits are available to certified and pledged facilities.



## Certified Clean Marinas



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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. Rocky Point Marina & Boatyard, Portland | 16. Columbia Ridge Marina, Portland         |
| 2. Jantzen Bay Marina, Portland            | 17. Pier 99 Inc. , Portland                 |
| 3. Multnomah Channel Yacht Club, Scappoose | 18. Port of Alsea, Waldport                 |
| 4. Dikeside Moorage, Scappoose             | 19. City of Depoe Bay, Depoe Bay            |
| 5. Tomahawk Bay Moorage, Portland          | 20. Pier 39, Astoria                        |
| 6. Hayden Bay Moorage, Portland            | 21. Waverly Marina, Portland                |
| 7. Portland Yacht Club, Portland           | 22. Odell Lake Resort Marina, Crescent Lake |
| 8. River Place Marina, Portland            | 23. Channel Island Marina, Portland         |
| 9. McCuddy's Landing Marina, Scappoose     | 24. Coos Bay Yacht Club, Lakeside           |
| 10. Island Cove Floating Homes, Portland   | 25. Pelican Marina, Klamath Falls           |
| 11. St. Helens Marina, St. Helens          | 26. Charleston Marina, Charleston           |
| 12. Scappoose Bay Marina, Scappoose        |                                             |
| 13. Salmon Harbor Marina, Winchester Bay   |                                             |
| 14. Rose City Yacht Club, Portland         |                                             |

## These 26 Marinas Have Taken the Clean Marina Pledge

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| Big Eddy Marina, Portland                        | Port of Gold Beach, Gold Beach       |
| Detroit Lake Marina, Detroit                     | Port of Port Orford, Port Orford     |
| East Mooring Basin, Astoria                      | Port of Siuslaw, Florence            |
| Edgewater RV Resort and Marina, Foster Reservoir | Port of The Dalles, The Dalles       |
| Embarcadero Marina, Newport                      | Port of Garibaldi, Garibaldi         |
| Irrigon Marina, Irrigon                          | Rasmusen Sea Scout Base, Portland    |
| Larson's Moorage, Portland                       | River's Bend Marina, Scappoose       |
| Lex's Landing, Gold Beach                        | Rogue Landing Resort, Gold Beach     |
| McCuddy's Island Marina, Portland                | Skipanon Landing & Marina, Warrenton |
| McCuddy's Marine Drive Marina, Portland          | South Beach Marina, Newport          |
| Pier III Boatyard, Astoria                       | West Mooring Basin, Astoria          |
| Port of Bandon, Bandon                           | Willamette Sailing Club, Portland    |
| Port of Cascade Locks, Cascade Locks             | Salpare Bay Marina, Portland         |





## Clean Marina Program Assistance – What You Can Expect After Signing Up

One of the benefits of joining the Clean Marina program is that you gain access to “free technical assistance”. If you have not yet enrolled into the program you might not be aware of what this means. Once a marina has decided that they are interested in signing up for the program, the next step is to schedule an on-site appointment. I commonly refer to this first meeting as the pre-certification evaluation. This meeting on average will take between 1-2 hours depending on the size of your facility. What I do is walk through the facility with the marina supervisor and look at how the site is managed with respect to the Clean Marina standards. The best way to complete this evaluation is to compare the program checklist with the current conditions found at the marina. By completing this evaluation it is determined if a marina has adequate best management practices in place to meet the program standards.

When I am invited to marinas to assist them with their initial evaluation it is important to note that even though I am a state employee with the Marine Board, I am not in a position to act with any regulatory authority. This means I don’t have any authority to write citations or issue fines for non-compliance of environmental laws. If an environmental violation of a state or federal law is found , then I can help to correct the problem. Inviting me to evaluate your marina is a great way for facilities to have their environmental compliance status reviewed in a friendly, non threatening manner.

Once facilities sign up for the Clean Marina Program I commonly give out free items to assist marinas in complying with the required standards. These include:

- Copies of marina rules and regulations from certified facilities.
- Templates of rules and regulations if you want to make your own.
- Individual boater spill kits for distribution to the public.
- Informational signs to help meet checklist requirements.
- Templates for a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan. This is required for fueling stations to have depending on how much fuel is kept in storage tanks.
- Hazardous waste determination advice.
- Oil adsorbent “socks” for stormwater drains.
- An emergency response plan.

After we have evaluated your marina, it is up to you to implement any identified action items. I can provide you the tools and advice on how to meet the program standards, but marina managers have to take ownership of the program and follow through to complete the process. Once all your action items have been implemented, it is then time to schedule your official certification site visit! So now you know what it means to receive free technical assistance, all you have to do is make a request.

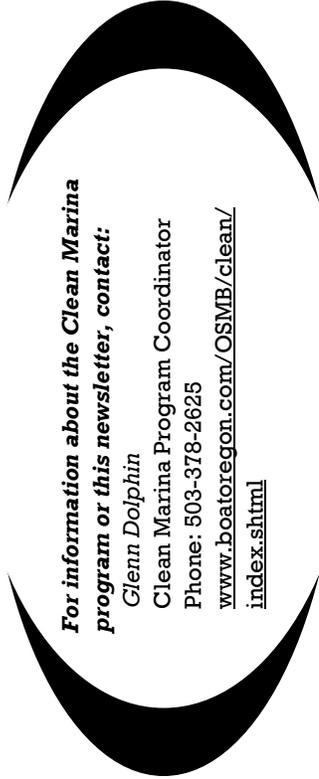


Performing a Certification Site Visit





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## What is the Clean Marina Program?

Oregon Clean Marina is a voluntary program that recognizes marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, and floating home moorages with ten or more boat/home slips that, along with being in compliance with environmental regulations, use a high percentage of environmentally responsible practices. The Clean Marina program recognizes these facilities by designating them as “Clean Marinas”.

The Oregon Clean Marina program is sponsored by the Oregon State Marine Board and is in partnership with the Oregon Coastal Management Program, the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership, Oregon State University Extension Service-Sea Grant Program, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.



The flag is a signal to boaters that a marina is doing its part to protect the cleanliness of Oregon waterways.

<i>Program Participation Benefits</i>
Each certified Clean Marina receives:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oregon Clean Marina <b>flag</b></li> <li>• Framed <b>certificate</b></li> <li>• 55-gallon <b>dockside spill kit</b></li> <li>• Access to <b>free signs</b> with environmental messages</li> </ul>
These items, along with the authorization to use the Clean Marina <b>logo</b> and <b>recognition</b> in Marine Board publications, are a few of the benefits to participating marine facilities.

For more information on how to have the flag fly at your facility, contact Glenn Dolphin the Clean Marina Coordinator at 503-378-2625, [glenn.dolphin@state.or.us](mailto:glenn.dolphin@state.or.us), or visit [www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/clean/index.shtml](http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/clean/index.shtml)

