

BE A GOOD BOATING STEWARD

Don't Litter

- Prevent trash being thrown or blown overboard, including cigarette butts.
- Pack out all trash.

Prevent and Clean Up Fuel/Oil Spills

- Follow best practices for fueling.
- Maintain your bilge.
- Properly dispose of oil absorbant materials.
- Use preventative equipment like a fuel/air separator along your vent line.

Manage Sewage

- Sanitation devices must be certified by U.S. Coast Guard.

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CLEAN BOATING AND FISHING



FISHING ETIQUETTE

- Don't dump fish waste in the water. Use fish scraps as garden fertilizer and/or use designated areas for disposal or bag scraps and dump them in a trash container.
- Use only lead-free fishing products.
- Don't release live bait into the water or at the shore - they may be nuisance species or even invasive.



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RECYCLE

- Purchase drinks in recyclable containers or use a reusable water bottle.
- Recycle the plastic boat shrink-wrap at facilities that accept it.
- Collect all used fishing line and recycle it - look for a container like the one pictured.



Proper disposal of wastes keeps our waterways clean. Dispose all recyclables and trash on shore. Remember, dumping is illegal.

Visit <https://cuyahogarecycles.org> for info on proper disposal of anti-freeze, batteries, oil, oil filters, solvents, gasoline and pesticides.

Information provided courtesy of the the Ohio Clean Marinas Program developed by the Ohio Sea Grant College Program.



TAKE THE OHIO CLEAN BOATER PLEDGE

"I pledge to be an Ohio Clean Boater and follow Best Boater Practices (BBPs) to keep oil, sewage, toxic boat cleaning and maintenance products, plastics cigarette butts and other trash, fishing gear and invasive species out of the water."

Pledge online at:

<http://go.osu.edu/CleanBoaterPledge>



DIY POLLUTION PREVENTION KIT

Boater Pollution Prevention and Recycling Kits are designed to clean up small spills quickly and recycle metal, glass and plastic. Use the kit to help keep our waters clean!

What should be included in a DIY pollution prevention kit?

A waterproof duffel bag stocked with:

- 1 oil bilge sock
- 1 lb. of recycled white rags
- 1 roll of oil-absorbent sheets
- 3 pairs of nitrile (rubber) gloves
- 1 fuel vent collection system
- 4 heavy-duty garbage bags
- 5 fuel nozzle bibs

CHECK, CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

Check the following and remove all plants and animals to help prevent the spread of invasive species:

- Boat hull, bottom and sides.
- Anchor and anchor line.
- Trailer, including rollers, trailer axle and lights/wiring.
- Sailboats and kayaks, including centerboard or rudders.
- Motorboats, including motor/prop, bunks and intake grate.



Gobi - Photo by Kristen Stanford



A juvenile Pacific lamprey



Zebra Mussels - Photo by M. McCormick. NOAA, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory

As you clean and maintain your boat, keep the environment healthy too.

- Wash frequently with a nonabrasive pad and plain water.
- If using detergent or cleanser, select the least toxic product for the job and use sparingly.
- Clean teak with a mild soap and abrasive pads or bronze wool.
- Try alternative cleaning products.

Visit www.glcleanmarina.org for a list of alternatives to toxic products.