



MARINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

Clean Water & A Clean Environment Are Essential To Good Boating

The Abbey Marina Is Committed To Being Environmentally Compatible

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:
CLEAN & PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT
Section 1**

Abbey Marina has committed itself to provide high quality facilities, with customer satisfaction, and productive use of our resources. The creation and maintenance of a clean and safe work environment must be regarded as an essential part of our business practices.

**CLEAN WATER and A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT
are ESSENTIAL
to GOOD BOATING
and
GOOD BOATING EXPERIENCES
are ESSENTIAL
to our MARINA'S SUCCESSES**

**However, Dirty water harms the Environment and Spoils boating enjoyment,
which hurts Marina business.**

Protection of our waters, marina life, and fish from possible boat and marina pollutants is a major goal of Abbey Marina. Every Customer and each Employee must work together to keep our Marina and boating environment clean.

The following sections have some basic, common sense approaches to helping keep our boating water, marina land and shore clean, neat and healthy.

**Abbey Marina's Bottom Line...
This Marina does not welcome people who dirty the environment on land or sea.**

Abbey Marina, it's employees and future generations of boaters,



**All thank you for your personal efforts to help preserve
Our marine environment!**

POLLUTION CONTROL Section 2

Pollution is Everybody's Business

Whether we like it or not, people pollute in everything we do and everywhere we go. Sometimes the amount of pollution is so small that it is never recognized; just a small drop in a big ocean. Many of those small drops can add up to a much larger volume which can harm the environment.

At other times, the activities of people and our industries can cause severe pollution which eventually pollutes our waterways. Urban runoff and combined municipal sewer and storm water overflows (CSO) are examples of our largest sources of pollution in most boating waters.

Fortunately, Marinas and boats ARE NOT major polluters, but DO ADD minor amounts of pollution even when boating environmentally conscientiously.

Since many boats congregate in our Marina, it is the policy of Abbey Marina to do everything possible to discourage anyone from polluting, while encouraging and helping boaters and visitors to do the right thing. All Employees are part of our Marina team dedicated to cleaning up, eliminating contaminants before they contaminate, and clearing up anything which can wash into the water, spoil our Abbey Marina environment.

Clean Boating, This Is The Life! Let's Keep It That Way.

ENVIRONMENTAL WARNING

Any Employee, any Slip Owner, or any Renter, or any Outside Contractor Violating Abbey Marina's Marina Environmental Management Policy, can be Disciplined, Required to Pay For Cleanup, and/or have Marina Use Privileges Terminated.

We are very serious about being more environmentally compatible.



BOAT SEWAGE MANAGEMENT

Section 3

Floating sewage is a very repulsive sight which can ruin the perception of having a fun boating experience. Adrift in a marina, sewage is downright unpleasant to see...or to think that it might be there.

Federal Law requires all boats with fixed toilet facilities to have a US Coast Guard approved Marine Sanitation Device (MSD). There are three types: Type I & II are onboard treatment units which chop, chlorinate, filter then discharge overboard. Type III MSDs, usually called holding tanks, keep the waste aboard until pumped in to a shore sewer or receptacle. The holding tank requires an external pump to empty the tank. The fourth type of toilet which is legal in most states is the portable toilet, often called a port-a-potty. This must be carried ashore and dumped into a toilet or waste receiving station.

Some boats are equipped with a Y-valve for direct discharge overboard when the tank is full. It is illegal to dump any untreated sewage into the waters of this nation, nor discharge at all into Geneva Lake.

In the Abbey Marina, our boat sewage management rules are simple and short:

NO OVERBOARD DISCHARGE OF ANY SEWAGE ALLOWED...NONE!

People Should Use Our Harbor House Restrooms.

Holding Tanks Are To Be Pumped Out Regularly.

Formaldehyde Chemical Additives to Holding Tanks Are Disallowed.

Port-a-Potties Must Be Emptied Into Our Designated Areas.

Abbey Marina waters are clean, and we aim to keep it that way.



A. Use Marina Rest Rooms

Please come ashore to the Marina's restrooms instead of using your boat's toilets. We have plenty of hot water for washing and showers, plus clean, comfortable, and dry toilet areas. Help us keep the rest rooms clean and neat. Marina staff will do its best to regularly clean the restrooms, but each user can help by placing trash in the waste baskets, wiping up the sink and counter after use, properly flushing toilets, AND reporting any equipment malfunctions, vandalism, or people who leave the area a mess.

B. Marine Sanitation Devices (MSD = Boat Toilets)

All boats with fixed boat toilets must have MSDs which are federally approved, and be properly maintained in working condition. The Marina reserves the right to inspect any boat toilet to assure compliance. Boats without properly operating MSDs, must have them repaired within 30 days of the time of notice.

C. Holding Tank Pump Out Available

Holding tanks can be pumped out at our Abbey Marina's pump out station. The fee is \$5.00 per pump out.

LITTER CONTROL

Section 4

Everyone Must Help Keep Our Marina Clean

Dumping plastic and trash in the water is against the Law in most Countries in the World. Every boat operating in US waters and staying in the Abbey Marina must have a sign or placard clearly visible which states:

Abbey Marina Litter Control Policies Are Simple

1. Overboard Dumping of any trash Is **ILLEGAL** and **NOT TOLERATED**.
2. Bring Back What You Take Out.
3. Use Marina trash receptacles for anything you can't recycle.
4. Keep cigarette or cigar butts out of Marina waters.
5. When you see litter floating or on the docks and ground, please pick it up for proper disposal

Every Litter Bit Hurts



Recycling Makes Environmental & Economic Sense

The Abbey Marina encourages all people to RECYCLE as much as possible. Several bins for recyclable materials are located in the Marina. We urge people to either use them, or take their trash home for recycling.

**Litter Control Is Serious Business
and
We all must take it seriously.**

OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION Section 5

Oil pollution from boats and marinas is really a small problem, BUT we can do even more to keep most of it out of the water. Even one drop of oil quickly spreads out forming a large sheen on the water's surface, and can harm some marine life.

US Law requires that every inboard powerboat's bilge have a sign that states:

"Discharge of Oil Is Prohibited!"

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act prohibits the discharge of oil or oily waste into or upon the navigable waters and contiguous zone of the United States if such discharge causes a film or sheen upon, or discoloration of the surface of the water, or causes a sludge or emulsion beneath the surface of the water. Violators are subject to a penalty of \$5,000."

Abbey Marina Oil Pollution Control Policies Are Simple

1. Overboard dumping or discharge of ANY OIL is ILLEGAL and NOT TOLERATED in the Abbey Marina.
2. All boat bilges should have oil absorption pads, which are replaced as needed.
3. All boat engines shall be properly maintained to prevent oil and fuel leaks, and to obtain maximum fuel efficiency while running.



4. When fueling boat tanks, extra care must be taken to prevent spillage from around the fuel nozzle or from the air vent; fuel drippings from the nozzle when removed from the boat must be minimized.
5. All boats with built in fuel tanks will have either air vent whistles or fuel/air separators installed to prevent minor spills during fuelling.
6. Dispose of used engine anti-freeze properly. Do not dump it into the water as it will kill marine life.
7. Dispose of waste engine oils must be done so off site at an approved recycling station.
8. Wash boats with water pressure if necessary, only use mild cleaners. Do not use highly caustic cleaners in the Marina. The same goes for bilge cleaners.
9. The Marina is required by Federal Law to report to the US Coast Guard the name of any boat or person responsible for any oil spill onto the water, large or small, whenever a fuel sheen is visible. The Coast Guard will decide the degree of responsibility, possible cleanup cost and fines. You must report all spills to the Harbor House immediately!



Outside Contractors

We ask that all owners, renters, and contractors working on our property read, understand, and follow these guidelines in order to support our efforts:

1. Anyone whom is going to work on a boat within the marina must check in and out at the Harbor House.
2. Anyone working on a boat must report to our office the type and amount of paints used for all jobs done while at the marina.
3. Hose spray nozzles are required on all hoses.
4. No spray painting outside.
5. Any repair or maintenance which causes debris or other material to fall into the water is prohibited. Sanding or grinding dust must be confined to the vessel using tarps or other containment techniques and is not allowed to fall into the water or onto other boats or the dock. Work areas around the boats must be kept clean at all times. Clean up charges will be assessed when we determine necessary. Please pay particular attention to dust and paint chips exposed to storm water runoff.
6. No discharge of bilge, tankage or hazardous waste is allowed except into approved containers or drums. Owners and their agents are responsible for proper environmental waste disposal.
7. Discharging of raw sewage into the Marina from any source and for any reason is prohibited. Violators will have their lease terminated, and removed from the harbor.
8. No refuse or trash of any kind shall be put into or allowed to fall into Marina waters. Please use the dumpsters on shore or carry refuse off site. Only Marina-generated waste may be placed in the dumpsters.
9. All contractors performing work in the harbor must dispose of all waste they generate legally and off-site.
10. No fuels, lubricating oil, paints and thinners, other petroleum products, or hazardous materials may be put in dumpsters.
11. No winterization of boats is allowed in the marina. This includes and is not limited to water systems, air conditioners, engines that will cause anti-freeze to go into the water.

I have received, and read and understand the above Environmental Policy and agree to adhere to it while using the Abbey Marina and its facilities.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

