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Contain Trash

- Do not throw cigarette butts overboard.
- · Do not throw trash overboard.
- · If trash blows overboard, retrieve it.
- · Pack food in reusable containers.
- Buy products without plastic or excessive packaging. Plastic is deadly to fish and birds.

Recycle

- Recycle cans, glass, plastic, newspaper, antifreeze, oil and lead batteries.
- For information call the Oregon DEQ at 1-800-452-4011 or visit the Metro recycling website at www.metro-region.org/recycling.

Fuel Cautiously

- Fill your tank just before leaving on a trip.
- If you fill your tank when you return from a trip, fill it only 90%.
- Use oil absorbent materials to catch drips from the fuel intake and the vent overflow.
- Report spills to the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) at 1-800-452-0311 or 1-800-OILS-911.
- Never use soap to hide a spill on the water. It only sinks the fuel and it is illegal.
- Add a fuel stabilizer to your tank if you use your engine infrequently.

Control Oil and Fuel

- Keep your engine well tuned. Make sure seals, gaskets and hoses don't leak.
- Place oil absorbent material or a bilge boom in the bilge.
- · Replace oil absorbent materials at least once a year.
- · Replace damaged fuel lines with alcohol-resistant hoses.
- Secure fuel hoses to prevent chafing and leaks.
- Never discharge bilge water with a sheen. This is illegal.

Properly Dispose of Used Absorbent Materials

- If absorbent pads become saturated with gas, allow to air dry and dispose of them in the regular garbage.
- If absorbent pads become saturated with diesel or oil, then allow to air dry, double bag in plastic and dispose of them in the regular garbage.
- Consider alternatives to toxic bottom paints.

Clean Gently

- Wash your boat frequently with a sponge and plain, cold water.
- If washing with cleaners, wash away from water bodies and storm drains (use phosphate-free, biodegradable and non-toxic cleaners).
- Wax your boat. A good coat of wax prevents surface dirt from becoming ingrained.
- Conserve water by putting a spray nozzle on your hose.

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Sewage

- · Never discharge raw sewage.
- · Use restrooms on shore.
- Underway, use appropriate Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs).
- Establish a regular maintenance schedule for your MSD based on manufactures recommendations.
- Pump out and rinse holding tanks regularly.
- Use enzyme based products to control odor and reduce solids in holding tanks.
- Avoid holding tank products that contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC) and formaldehyde.

Maintain Your Vessel Wisely

- Collect all paint chips, dust and residue and put in the regular trash.
- Share leftover paint and varnish.
- Bring used solvents, used motor oil, used oil filters and waste gas to local hazardous waste collection day. For more information call Oregon DEQ at 1-800-452-4011 or visit their website at www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/hhw/index.htm.
 In the Portland Metro area, contact Metro at 503-234-3000.
- Use less toxic propylene glycol antifreeze.
- Keep your engine clean by frequently wiping it down so that you can spot leaks.

Be a Responsible Boater

- · Do not throw fish waste over board.
- · Discard fish waste in the trash, or save waste to use as crab bait.
- Learn about environmentally safe products and practices and share this information with other boaters.
- Use 4-stroke or low emission 2-stroke outboard engines.
- Obey laws governing speeding, littering and discharges.
- Encourage boating facilities to provide trash cans, recycling bins and pump out stations.
- Support marinas that are environmentally responsible.

Protect Sensitive Habitat

- Proceed slowly in shallow areas.
- Do not disturb wildlife.
- · Avoid contact with submerged aquatic vegetation.
- Watch your wake. It can lead to shore line erosion.

For More Information

on Oregon's Best Management Practices for Clean Marinas or clean boating in Oregon, call DEQ toll free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 or get information online at

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CITY OF PORTLAND

www.oregon.gov./OSMB/Clean/index.shtml.

For clean boating technical assistance in Portland, call DEQ at 1-800-452-4011 or Environmental Services at 503-823-5320.

