

CLEAN BOATING HABITS

The quality of the marina and our coastal waters can be degraded by boat sewage, grey water, cleaning products, spilled fuel, rubbish and the introduction of exotic organisms. These materials not only degrade the marina and surrounding environment, but also diminish our enjoyment of the coast. The marina operators cannot protect our environment alone. Each one of us must share the responsibility for pollution prevention. Sometimes it is as simple as doing things a little differently.

Clean boating habits strive for a cleaner environment through your efforts and those of the wider community.

FUEL CONTROL

FACT:

A single litre of fuel can contaminate over a million litres of water. The cumulative effect of small spills has a serious impact on coastal and fresh water areas.

GOAL:

Eliminate pollution within the marina and maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment that can be enjoyed by all.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE WHEN RE-FUELLING

- Use caution in filling your fuel tank to avoid spillage into the water
- Listen to your boat - it gurgles before the tank is full
- Use a vent collection device or absorbent material to capture escaping fuel
- Attend the fuel nozzle at all times when fuelling
- If you overfill your fuel tank, wipe with a rag or absorbent material. Do not hose down the fuel into the water. Give the spent rags to the marina operator for disposal
- If a spill occurs, do not apply detergents or soaps. Notify the marina operator immediately

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE FOR BILGE OIL

- Use drip pans with Matasorb[®] absorbent pads while draining oil from sumps
- Keep engines well maintained
- Regularly check seals, gaskets, hoses and connections for drips and leaks
- Regularly change oil filters
- Place oil absorbent material such as Matasorb[®] in the bilge
- Clean and maintain bilges with absorbent material and do not use detergent
- Always before pumping bilge, use water/oil separators or absorbents to soak up oil hydrocarbons
- Hardstand your vessel before undertaking repair or maintenance work on engines
- Recycle or properly dispose of used oil and absorbents. Contact the marina operator or your local authority for disposal options

**Report oil or fuel pollution to:
The Marina operator on 416 7447 or VHF channel 73 (24 hrs)
or
Auckland Regional Council Enviroline - Freephone 0800 80 60 40**

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The following regulations make it an offence to discharge harmful substances into the sea:

Marine Protection Rule Part 170

Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998

Maritime Transport Act 1994 sections 226 and 237

Resource Management Act 1991

Rule 20.5.13-14 Proposed Auckland Regional Coastal Plan

Waitakere City Council Bylaw 13 (West Harbour Marina)

BOAT CLEANING

FACT:

Products used to wash boat hulls and decks often contain toxic ingredients such as chlorine, phosphates and ammonia. Degreasers dry the natural oils fish require for their gills to take in oxygen.

GOAL:

Use cleaning methods that prevent or contain the release of pollutants into the marina and to surface waters.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE WHEN CLEANING YOUR BOAT

- Preferably reduce the need for in-water cleaning: haul the boat from the water and have our Travelift® operators waterblast the boat where debris can be captured and properly treated.
- Use non-toxic cleaning products