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Clean Boating Programs



The Clean Boating Programs within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) support the agency in its mission to protect the state's air, water and land. Water quality is a top priority for Florida, essential for environmental protection and public health and for Florida's robust economy. The state's multibillion-dollar tourism and fishing industries rely on our world-famous coastlines and waterways. Through partnerships with the boating community and the marine industry, DEP's Clean Boating Programs engage Floridians and visitors in keeping waterways clean and healthy.

DEP's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection manages the Clean Boater Program, the Clean Marina and Clean & Resilient programs, and the Clean Vessel Act Grant Program.

The benefits of participating in these programs include:

- Access to Clean Vessel Act grant funding.
- Clean Marina and Clean & Resilient certifications.
- Flags to fly at designated marinas.
- Access to DEP's Clean Marina Action Plan, Clean Boating Best Practices, Clean Boater Habits and more.
- Discounts on state lands leases.
- Increased customer attraction and retention.
- Compliance and technical assistance.
- Outreach supplies and educational materials, including brochures and signs.
- Reductions of environmental impacts from marina operations.
- Recognition on DEP's Clean Marina webpage.

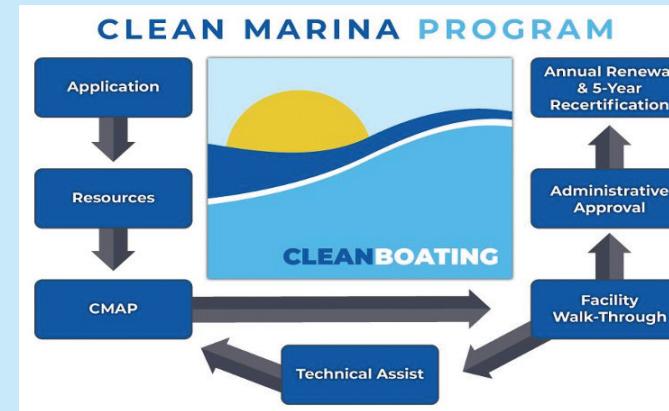
Clean Boater Program



Regardless of what brings boaters out on the water – for recreation or to earn a living – they have a role in protecting Florida waterways. The Clean Boater Program encourages all boaters to learn how to protect wildlife, native vegetation and water resources. DEP's Clean Boater Habits booklet is a handy reference on proper fueling techniques, using mooring fields and other easy actions for environmentally friendly boating. Boaters are encouraged to take the Clean Boater Pledge to show their commitment to helping keep waters clean and to informing other mariners about the importance of protecting Florida waterways.



Clean Marina Program/Clean & Resilient Marina Program



The Clean Marina designation program takes a proactive approach to environmental stewardship. The voluntary program encourages marinas, boatyards, marine retailers and others to exceed regulatory requirements and incorporate best management practices (BMPs) that keep state waters and shorelines clean while promoting economic growth.



In addition, the Clean & Resilient Marina Program recognizes marinas, boatyards and retailers already designated as Clean Marinas that achieve extra levels of environmental responsibility and sustainability. The Clean & Resilient program expands on Clean Marina BMPs and provides guidance on strengthening a facility's ability to withstand human-caused and natural disasters, such as chemical spills and hurricanes.

Clean & Resilient marinas focus on:

- Protecting human life and providing safety.
- Reducing exposure to structural damages.
- Reducing exposure to boat damages.
- Returning to business operations as quickly as possible after a disaster.

Clean & Resilient Marinas receive a pendant flag to fly under the Clean Marina flag. Facilities must achieve at least 50% of the criteria.

Clean Marina BMPs address environmental issues such as emergency preparedness, spill prevention and waste management. To achieve designation, facilities must implement at least 60% of the program BMPs. Designated facilities may qualify for a 10% discount on state land lease fees.

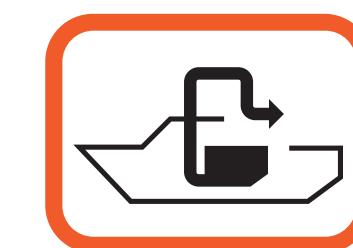
Applying for the program is simple. Complete an application and do an assessment of your facility, then schedule a site visit by contacting Clean Marina staff. Visit the DEP website to learn more about the simple steps to designation.



Florida Clean Vessel Act Grant Program

The federal Clean Vessel Act (CVA) reduces water pollution by prohibiting vessels from discharging raw sewage into fresh or coastal waters. Funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the CVA program provides funding to marinas to purchase, install, maintain, repair and operate boater pumpout and dump station facilities. DEP oversees Florida's CVA grant funds, which pay up to 75% of eligible project costs.

All Florida marinas that provide public access to pumpout facilities are eligible for grant funding. Visit DEP's website to apply for a CVA grant.



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WATER CLEAN—
USE PUMPOUTS**

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