The Ohio Clean Marinas Program: 10 Years of Educating the Marina Industry on Environmental Best Management Practices

Purpose
The Ohio Clean Marinas Program is a proactive partnership designed to encourage marinas and boaters to use simple, innovative solutions to keep Ohio’s coastal and inland waterway resources clean. The goal of the Program is environmental stewardship by making marina owners/operators and boaters more aware of environmental laws, rules and jurisdictions, to incentivize marinas to follow best management practices, and ultimately to recognize them as “Clean Marinas.”

Impact
The Ohio Clean Marinas Program has worked with marina owners to implement over 3,337 environmental best management practices to protect air and water quality since 2005.

Over 2.2 million pounds of boat and greenhouse shrink wrap have been recycled and kept out of landfills since 2006.

In addition to engaging marina businesses, over 2,000 citizens across Ohio have signed the Ohio Clean Boater Pledge to follow the Program’s environmentally-friendly best boater practices.

How you can get involved:
• Support certified Clean Marinas - http://go.osu.edu/BSxs
• Encourage marinas to join the Ohio Clean Marinas Program
• Learn more about how you can protect our air and water quality with Clean Boater Tip Sheets - http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/clean
• Take the Ohio Clean Boater Pledge to follow best boater practices – there are practices for a variety of stakeholders, from beachgoers to paddlers to powerboaters
• Volunteer at an outreach event to help promote the Ohio Clean Marinas and Clean Boater Programs

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