

Northwest Marine Yacht Club

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

All marinas in the state of Michigan must comply with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. Seq.; the "Act") and Michigan Act 245, Public Acts 1929, an amended (the "Michigan Act"). These Acts require a permit for the run-off of storm water into lakes, streams or rivers of the United States. Our permit requires the institution of certain management practices that prevent the discharge of potential and/or real pollutants into Lake Charlevoix. There are severe penalties for non-compliance. In order to help us stay in compliance, we require the following:

Sanding

There will be no sanding work of any sort carried out by individual boat owners or their contractors unless a vacuum sander is used and residue disposed of properly.

Painting

There will be no spray painting work of any sort carried out by individual boat owners or their contractors. For painting performed outside of a designated building, the ground beneath the boat must be covered with a tarp, and the painter must use a roller or brush. Brushes, pans and rollers must be removed from the Marina and disposed of properly. Paint residue in cans must be dried before can is placed in dumpster.

Spraying

There will be no spray painting, spraying of fiberglass or any other chemical.

Oil Disposal

Proper precautions must be taken when performing mechanical work on any boats on land. (i.e. while servicing outdrives a pan must be used to catch any oil drippings.) Used engine oil and oil filters must be removed from the Marina. You may not dispose of oil by dumping it either on the ground, in a dumpster, into a drain or overboard. If you use outside contractors, you are also responsible for the contractor's compliance as he is your agent.

Winterization Chemicals

The use of ethylene glycol-based antifreeze for winterization is strictly prohibited. You must use a not-toxic antifreeze. After winterization, all outdrives should be covered with a plastic garbage bag secured by duct tape to prevent the dripping of antifreeze. Lessee/Owner is responsible for any damage to the Marina grounds caused by the spill or dripping of antifreeze and/or oil. The cost to repair such damage will be billed to the Lessee/Owner by the Marina.

Disposal of Batteries

You may not dispose of old batteries into the Marina dumpsters. You must remove used batteries from the Marina.

Bilge Water

Every boat must have a BIO-SOK, or a genetic equivalent, installed in its bilge in order to prevent oil or fuel from being pumped overboard thereby creating a sheen on the Marina waters. Surfactants may not be used, as they cause oil to sink to the bottom of the canals.

Shrink Wrap Environmental Surcharge

For those of you who shrinkwrap, remember, you are responsible for your wrap when it is taken off. DO NOT PUT IT IN OUR DUMPSTER - RECYCLE IT! Contract with your installer for not only the installation but also the removal and disposal of the wrap in the spring. Irish Boat Shop Charlevoix is a designated Charlevoix County Shrinkwrap drop off site.

Fuel Spill

The United States Coast Guard (800-424-8802) and the MDNRE must be notified any time a spill produces a sheen on the water. Please call the Marina office (547-5552), Harbormaster (231-675-0470) to report any spills. They will in turn initiate procedures to contain the spill and call all necessary authorities. Every boat must be covered by an insurance policy which includes fuel and oil spill endorsement in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of cleaning resulting from a leak or spill. Proof of such insurance coverage shall be provided upon demand.

Boat Washing

There will be no power washing of boats inside the Marina by boat owners. All power washing and/or bottom washing must be performed by haul out personnel at the hoist area where an environmental water collection and purification system has been installed to collect bottom paint and other residue.

Marine Heads

Michigan is a "No Discharge" State. It is illegal to discharge raw and/or other treated sewage from a watercraft within the waters of the State. Do not empty a porta potty in any of the bath houses or any other drain on Marina property. Porta Potties and boat holding tanks must be emptied at the pump-out or other designated facility.

Pet and Fish Waste

It is illegal to dispose of pet and fish waste in the waters of the State. Pet stations with plastic bag dispensers have been installed around the Marina for your convenience. Please bag the waste and dispose in the dumpster. Fish waste should be removed from the marina.
