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CLEAN BOATING PRACTICES



NO SPILLS AT THE PUMP

Use an absorbent bib or collar, available at most boating shops, to collect any spills during refueling. Wipe up any drips from re-fueling. The Coast Guard recommends filling tanks to 90% to allow for expansion due to heat, and to prevent overfills.



DEALING WITH SPILLS

Immediately report any spills to the marina. In open waters, call the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center (1-800-424-8802). Never use dish soap or detergent to break up a spill, as that just disperses the oil or gas, making it harder to collect. Spill responses will vary depending on location, material, and amount spilled.



BLACK WATER

This is the sewage from your on-board bathroom. While there are various systems available, dumping them directly into the lake is always illegal. Systems should be checked for leaks and manufacturer's guidelines must be followed.



GRAY WATER

Untreated water from your onboard sinks and showers, and the wastewater from cleaning your boat with detergents is a major pollutant of the marine environment. Use care to prevent gray water from impacting your local waters and wildlife.



WASTE DISPOSAL

Marine debris not only harms important habitats and wildlife, but also can cause damage to your boat. Prevent waste from entering our waterways by: reducing, reusing and recycling. Remember to take everything you bring on the water, off the water.



CLEAN WATER

Remember, eventually all the water poured down drains will drain out into the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. We can all do our part by being aware of our relationship to our fresh waters!

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