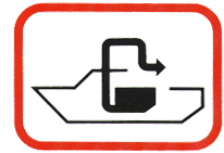




# Clean Boating Guidelines



Welcome to this City of New York marina. Please do everything you can to keep the piers, docks, and waters of the park and marina clean and safe for everyone. The West 79<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Basin in Riverside Park received the Clean Marina Award in 2006 from the group Going Coastal. We would like to build on these efforts, working with you. Please review and follow these clean boating guidelines.

## The Rules:

It is a violation of Park and Marina Rules to litter or discharge waste into the waters within the park, marina or adjacent water body. Specifically, from Park Rules §1-04 Prohibited Uses: c) Littering, Polluting, Dumping, and Unattended Property: (1) No person shall litter in any park. All persons shall use receptacles provided for the disposal of refuse. No person shall deposit household or commercial refuse in any park receptacle. (2) No person shall throw, drop, allow to fall, or discharge into or leave in the waters within any park (including pools and bathing areas), or any tributary, brook, stream, sewer or drain flowing into said waters, any substance, liquid or solid, which may or will result in the pollution of said waters.

From the Marina Rules §3-08 conduct: a) No person shall urinate or defecate into the water or along the docks and walkways of the facility. No person shall use a toilet in the facility which discharges into the water without marine sanitation devices approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Composting toilet systems are not permitted. All vessels with waste holding tanks must discharge waste through the pump out station or by other methods approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. b) No person shall discharge into the water or on the docks and walkways any oil, spirits, drift, debris, inflammable liquids, rubbish or refuse.

In addition, the New York waters of the Hudson River are an EPA designated “No Discharge Area (NDA)”, where it is illegal to discharge any boat sewage from a holding tank or portable toilet or use a direct discharge toilet anywhere in the river, from the Battery to Troy Dam. All sewage must be emptied at a pumpout station. Even on water bodies that are not designated NDA, boaters must discharge treated sewage from a Type I or Type II USCG certified Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) unless at least three nautical miles or more from shore. For more information, consult the NY State Boater’s Guide.

*A list of Boat Pump Out stations is available at the marina.*

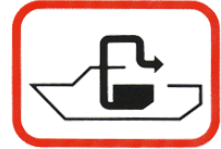
## Clean Practices:

### Keep Bilge Clean

- Keep engines properly tuned and operating at peak efficiency.
- Transfer and remove fluids with care, using funnels, pumps, and oil-absorbent pads to catch drips and clean up spills.
- Regularly inspect lines and hoses for leaks and replace as needed.
- Avoid pumping any bilge water that is oily or has sheen.
- Recycle used oil, filters, and absorbent pads.

### Monitor Fueling

- No canning. Transport of gas on docks is not allowed. Boaters must fuel at a fuel dock.
- Never smoke while approaching a fuel dock or while fueling.
- Secure your boat to the dock. Stop all engines and turn off all electrical switches. Close doors, windows, and hatches.
- Do not leave vessel unattended when fueling. Do not carry fuel over the pier to boat side.
- Know your fuel tank capacity and allow 5 to 10 percent for fuel expansion. Place a container over the air vent to catch any overfill. Listen to hear when the tank is getting full and slow the fuel delivery rate as it nears capacity.
- Use an absorbent pad around nozzle to catch splash-backs or drips. Clean up any spilled fuel with absorbent cloths.
- Ventilate engine compartment before starting engine.



### Take Action if a Fuel or Oil Spill Occurs

- Stop the source.
- Alert marina staff if during day.
- Contact DEC Spills Hotline (800) 457-7362 or DEP (718) 529-3837.
- Contact Parks Central Communications at (888) NY-PARKS.
- Clean up the spill with absorbent pads or contain with booms.
- Never use soap to disperse a fuel or oil spill. It is harmful to the environment and against the law.

### Keep Boating Waters Clean and Free of Litter

- Placing any oily or detergent discharge into water is a violation of the clean air acts and federal law. Violators will be denied marina access.
- Stow loose paper, plastics, and other items to prevent blowing out.
- Keep trash containers handy. Dispose of trash properly.
- Purchase products in recyclable packaging, like aluminum, and please recycle whenever possible.
- Dispose and recycle used batteries and flares.
- ***It's your responsibility to inform all visitors on your boat where to put trash.***
- Retrieve trash floating in water and dispose of it in proper waste receptacles at marina.
- Waste oil from recreational, non commercial vessels, under two gallons, who are customers in good standing, may be given to marina for proper disposal. Commercial waste oil and excessive waste oil from recreational vessels must be disposed of properly by customer.

### Manage Sewage Waste Properly

- Plan ahead: use onshore restrooms when possible.
- Keep your marine toilet properly maintained. Use toilet paper compatible with marine sanitation devices and pump-out stations. Empty portable toilets at dump stations or in bathrooms.
- Find out if you are on a Discharge or a No Discharge reservoir. On Discharge reservoirs, properly treated sewage may be discharged into the main channel. On No Discharge reservoirs, it is against the law to discharge any sewage into the reservoir.
- Use marina pump-out services.

### Remove Boat from Water for Repairs and Cleaning

- It is recommended that you clean all vegetation off of your boat when removing from water to reduce the spread of invasive species.
- Do boat repairs and cleaning at the boat yard, where wastewater can be collected and treated.
- Rinse your boat with fresh water after each use to minimize the need for soaps and scrubbing.
- Use phosphate-free, chlorine-free, and nontoxic cleaning products. Use mild alkaline detergent solutions, such as sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate, sodium phosphate, and borax. These cleaners also remove rust, scale and oxides from metal surfaces while preventing formation of hydrogen gas during the cleaning process.
- You must berm or cover all floor/storm drains so that nothing from maintenance, cleaning or painting can enter when working.
- Whenever possible, perform all boat maintenance and painting in an enclosed, roofed area. If any scrapings or boat maintenance has to be performed outside, a tarp must be used to catch the contaminants. Vacuum tarps after use.
- Per the Department of Environmental Conservation regulations, boat owners must discuss applying antifouling paints to their boat with marina owner before they begin painting. Paint scrapings must be disposed of in designated areas. Boat painting areas must be located away from the water's edge and in a location that is not susceptible to runoff.
- Prevent drips and spills from reaching the floor. Use spouts, funnels and drip pans to catch spills during the transfer of materials. If a small spill does occur, clean it immediately with absorbent pads, towels or mops. Never clean spills by hosing them down with water. Use dry floor cleaning methods—sweeping and vacuuming—whenever possible.
- Absorbent pads are available at marina. A containment snake is also available on request for land maintenance.

### Further Information:

- U.S. Coast Guard Clean Boating Practices – [www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/clean.htm#waste](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/clean.htm#waste)
- National Clean Boating Campaign – [www.cleanboating.org](http://www.cleanboating.org)
- NY State Clean Vessel Assistance Program – [www.nysefc.org/home/index.asp?page=21](http://www.nysefc.org/home/index.asp?page=21)
- American Boating Association Clean Boating Program – [www.americanboating.org/clean.asp](http://www.americanboating.org/clean.asp)
- New York City Department of Parks & Recreation – [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks)