

Image: Battery.png

Boat battery dead in the water, so to speak?

Choosing the best battery for your boat & performing routine maintenance will ensure the battery's optimal lifespan. Check with your marina or boatyard for recycling options – they might even give you credit towards a new one! 🚤

Image: Cleaning.png

Avoid cleaning your boat with caustic cleaners like bleach, ammonia, lye, or anything solvent-based.

Choose items that are phosphate-free & labeled as Safer Choice:

<https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice>

Pro-tip: A good coat of wax will make your boat easier to clean later on! 🧽

Image: Covers.png

📢 All-aboard for reusable boat covers!

Recycle your old plastic covers and choose a reusable cover instead. It's that easy 😊

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Image: Drip.png

Filling up fuel tanks is one of the most common ways that we unintentionally pollute our waters. However, with care, boaters can take steps to mitigate the risk of accidentally spilling oil or fuel. 📄

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Image: Fishing.png

Something smells fishy 🐟 🐟

Throwing your fish waste into the marina basin risks our water quality by inviting in nuisance birds and pests. Always clean your fish on land, away from surface water, and never dump leftover bait or chum!

🎣 One fisherman is all it takes

Image: Holiday.png

Even a small amount of pollution from a fraction of the boats can cause serious harm to marine fish and wildlife. This holiday, and every day, remember to keep boating and fishing good, clean fun! ⚓

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Image: Invasive.png

Batten down the hatches! 🐟

Help prevent the spread of invasive species and fish diseases by not transferring fish, fish eggs, or other aquatic organisms between waterways. Thoroughly clean your boat and trailer between trips with these tips.

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Image: Maintenance.png

Maintaining and cleaning recreational boats in the wrong place can result in harmful pollutants and wastes entering our waterways. Save these projects for the boatyard instead. ⚓

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Image: Marina.png

No matter the size, any boatyard or marina can make a BIG splash 🌊 in our boating communities by using best management practices to protect our aquatic resources and anchoring others to do the same. ⚓

Vote with your boat. Choose an #IndianaCleanMarina 🌟 ⚓ <https://on.in.gov/cleanmarina>

Image: Pumpout.png

Plan A-head! Use the bathroom before you embark. 🚤

Dumping your boats sewage into a waterway is ILLEGAL. Contamination from boat sewage can cause fish kills, foul the water, & lead to foodborne illness. 🤢

ALWAYS use a pumpout station. Find your marina's: <https://on.in.gov/pumpout>

Image: Recycle.png

Help keep our waters clean + clear ✨

Dumping hazardous liquids into our waters is ILLEGAL & can harm aquatic life. Many marinas offer to recycle used oil, filters, & antifreeze - if not, call your solid waste mgmt district.

Whatever you do, don't dump it! #CleanBoatersAreIN

Image: Tides.png

It's a sign of the tides... 🚤

Boat wakes can have an erosive effect on shorelines and uproot submergent and emergent native aquatic plants. Idle in shallow areas (or avoid traveling there at all) and be mindful of no-wake zones and markers.

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Image: Trash.png

Stow it, don't throw it! 🚫

NEVER throw cigarette butts, fishing line, or any other garbage into the water. Keep your trash on board and take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle plastic, glass, metal, cardboard, and paper.