

KEEPING YOUR BILGE CLEAN



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CLEAN MARINA

Protect Our Waters

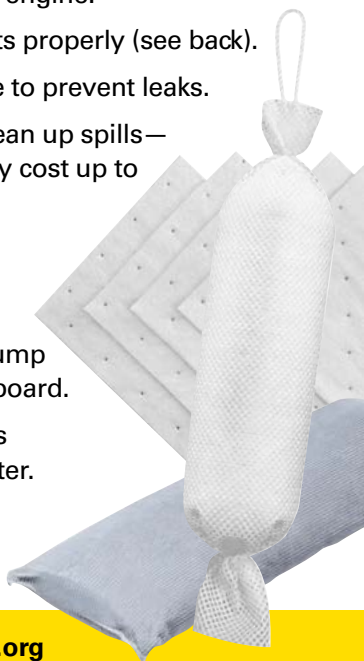
Your bilge collects oil, fuel, and engine fluids. Automatic pumps illegally discharge this polluted water overboard, harming our lakes and rivers.

Responsible Boater Practices

- Use oil absorbents (pads, socks, pillows).
- Change regularly (yearly or when saturated).
- Place pads under the engine.
- Dispose of absorbents properly (see back).
- Maintain your engine to prevent leaks.
- Never use soap to clean up spills—it spreads oil and may cost up to \$25,000 in fines.

Prevent Dirty Discharges

- **It's the law!** Never pump oily bilge water overboard.
- Install pump switches that leave 1–2" of water.
- Use bilge filters (for larger boats).



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Disposal of Oil-Soaked Absorbents (Non-Commercial Boats)

FLAMMABLE! Keep used materials
away from heat, flames, sparks.

Oil or Diesel-Soaked (No Gasoline)

- Wring into an oil recycling container and reuse.
- When no longer usable and no dripping oil, bag and place in trash.

Gasoline-Soaked

- Air dry and reuse.
- When no longer useable, store in a fire-resistant container and either:
 - ◆ Drop off at hazardous waste facility (preferred).
 - ◆ Place in household trash.

Still Have Questions?

- Ask your marina about disposal options, oil-absorbent products, and bilge cleaning services.
- Check with local solid waste department for recycling info.



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