

### MAINTAIN YOUR BOAT...

- Regularly scrub your decks with fresh water and a brush to reduce the need to use heavy cleaners.
- Try to do large cleaning and maintenance jobs while the boat is out of the water.
- Ask your marina or underwater diver to recycle used zincs.
- Use a hard (not abrasive) anti-fouling paint if you plan on scrubbing the boat bottom while in the water.



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# 21 Steps...





# ...to make your boating waters cleaner

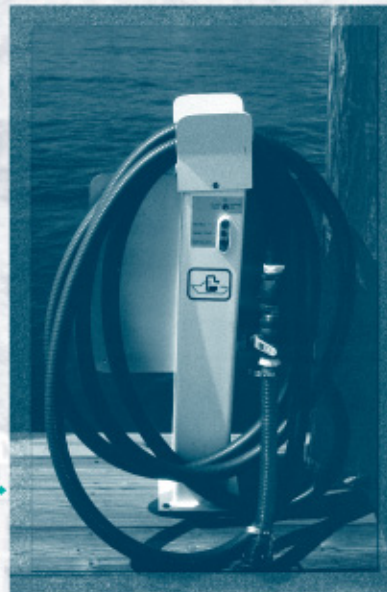
## STASH YOUR TRASH...

- Reduce the amount of packaging and plastic you take aboard.
- Put a sturdy trash container on your boat.
- Obey the law – always keep plastic garbage on the boat for onshore disposal or recycling. Keep all trash on board while boating in inland and coastal waters.
- Establish a boat rule that no trash gets thrown overboard – even cigarette butts.
- Leave the water and marina cleaner than you found it – carefully pick up trash left by others.



## THE SCOOP ON POOP...

- Use onshore restrooms before leaving shore.
- Obey the law – keep untreated raw sewage out of all coastal and inland waters.
- If your boat has a head, equip it with a USCG Approved Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II, or III.
- To find a pumpout or dump station, or report a broken pumpout call 1-800-ASK-FISH.



## STOP THE DROPS...

- Know how much your fuel tanks hold, and don't top off!
- Make sure anyone fueling the boat knows which deck fill is for fuel.
- Use oil absorbent pads to catch drips while handling the fuel nozzle between the dock and the boat.
- Fill up your trailerboat's gas tanks while the boat is on the trailer, not in the water.



## SO MANY FISH, SO LITTLE TIME...

- Keep only those fish that you will eat today.
- Practice catch and release techniques to insure the survival of those fish you toss back.
- Use circle hooks.
- Consider joining a tag and release program that provides long term data to fisheries managers.

