

Steps to Becoming a Florida Clean Marina

1. **Learn about the Clean Marina Program**

Call the Marine Industries Association of Florida (MIAF) or one of its local chapters or Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for information about the Clean Marina Program and attend a workshop.

For More Information:

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/law/Grants/CMP/TechOutSupport.htm>

2. **At the Workshop Take the Clean Marina Pledge**

By signing the pledge card, you commit to do your part to help eliminate or reduce pollutants from reaching Florida's waterways. In return you receive and get to keep the Florida Clean Marina Manual with checklists, Clean Marina Action Plan and Marina Environmental Measures as well as a Panic File prepared by Florida Sea Grant.

3. **Conduct a self-assessment of your facility**

Using the Clean Marina Action Plan checklist included with the Florida Clean Marina Manual, perform a self-assessment of your facility. If you feel you need help, you can call on a number of people who can assist you. They include members of the MIA, fellow marina operators (Marina Mentors), Florida Sea Grant Extension Agents, U.S. Coast Guard Sea Partners, and the District staff of the DEP.

4. **Call upon a mentor or Clean Marina staff to answer any questions**

Do not be discouraged if you initially have difficulty meeting program criteria. We want to help you become a Clean Marina. Please call either the MIAF or its partners in this program listed in "3" above. (These numbers can be located in your Clean Marina Manual)

5. **Schedule a confirmation visit**

Once you are satisfied that your facility meets the criteria described in the Clean Marina Program, call either the MIAF or DEP District contact to schedule a confirmation visit. Someone from the MIAF or its local chapter, along with DEP District, Sea Grant or Sea Partners representatives, will visit your facility to verify the items you have noted in your Clean Marina Action Plan.

6. **Enjoy your rewards!**

As a Florida Clean Marina, you will be issued a Clean Marina flag to fly at your facility for boaters to see and authorized to use the Clean Marina logo on your letterhead and in your advertising. You will be included in Clean Marina publications and public displays. Furthermore, Clean Marina staff will prepare a news release recognizing your demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship.

7. **Maintain your Clean Marina status**

Annually, confirm in writing that you continue to meet the award standards described in the Clean Marina Program. On a random basis someone from MIAF or DEP will contact you to set up a meeting at a mutually convenient time to reaffirm your Clean Marina status.