



# Press Release

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## **New Jersey Clean Marina Program Aims to Get More Marinas On Board**

(Sandy Hook, NJ)...The New Jersey Clean Marina Program (NJCMP) announced the availability of a competitive grant program to encourage more marinas to join the effort. Grants totaling up to \$5,000 will be available to designated Clean Marinas and those marinas committed to working towards the Clean Marina designation. News of the grant program, made possible by funding from *I BOAT NJ*, comes as recreational boaters and marinas nationwide celebrate National Marina Day on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

“Marinas play an important role in waterfront communities across America,” said Michael Danko, Marine Fisheries Agent for the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium (NJMSC) and the New Jersey Sea Grant Extension Program. “Fishing and boating play an integral part in our Shore culture, so we’re encouraging all marinas to get on board with the Clean Marina effort.”

Approximately 500 marinas accommodate a large percentage of New Jersey’s 175,000-plus registered recreational boats, which can be a local source of degraded water quality. In

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2005, NJMSC and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) pooled their resources to form the New Jersey Clean Marina Program; since then, eighteen marinas have been designated as Clean Marinas, with Shore Haven Yacht Club in Point Pleasant as the most recent Program inductee. Clean Marinas pledge to minimize their impacts on the environment by implementing the best management practices (BMPs) outlined in the Program guidebook. The grant program will fund initiatives by marinas to implement these BMPs at their facilities.

In addition to announcing the availability of the grant program, NJCMP is celebrating National Marina Day this weekend by distributing free Spill Cleanup Kits, geared toward containing oil and fuel spills, to New Jersey boaters. The kits will be available at all eighteen Clean Marinas across the state:

- Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina, Atlantic Highlands
- Baywood Marina, Brick
- Dillon's Creek Marina, Island Heights
- Forked River State Marina, Forked River
- Green Cove Marina, Brick
- Hobby Lobby Marine, Toms River
- Jersey Shore Marina & Boats, Brick
- Kammerman's Atlantic City Marina, Atlantic City
- Key Harbor Marina, Waretown,
- Leonardo State Marina, Leonardo
- Main One Marina, Avon By The Sea
- Morgan Marina, Morgan
- Riverbank Marina, Bayville
- Robbies Loveladies Marina, Loveladies
- Shore Haven Yacht Club, Point Pleasant
- Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, Forked River
- Spencer's Bayside Marina, Waretown
- Viking Yachting Center, New Gretna

“New Jersey’s Clean Marinas have gone above and beyond the required practices to provide environmentally-conscious services to New Jersey’s boaters,” Danko continued. “On National Marina Day, we salute these marinas and their contributions to the environmental

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health of their communities.” Already looking ahead to next year, NJCMP anticipates formally honoring Program participants with an award program that will celebrate marinas whose special efforts have exceeded the norm.

The New Jersey Clean Marina Program is implemented by NJMSC and managed by the NJDEP Coastal Management Office. For updates about the grant program or for any information about the New Jersey Clean Marina Program and its initiatives, visit [njcleanmarina.org](http://njcleanmarina.org).

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