



BELL HARBOR MARINA

Best Management Practices



The Port of Seattle Bell Harbor Marina is committed to preserving and enhancing the environment through proper management of activities that occur at this marina. In accordance with the Washington Department of Ecology and the Federal Clean Water Act, we have established these Best Management Practices to help ensure the safekeeping of our harbor and marine environment. If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Marina Office at (206) 615-3952 Or VHF 66 A.

I. Bilge Water Management and Used Oil Disposal

It is the responsibility of the vessel owner to contact a service provider to dispose of bilge water and to properly dispose of used oil.

- The discharge of contaminated bilge water is illegal. Do not discharge bilge water that is contaminated with oil, detergents, and engine coolant or bilge cleaners. The fine for discharging oil from your bilge can be as high as \$20,000 per day/per violation. Use oil absorbent bilge pads or pillows in your vessel's bilge to soak up oil and fuel. This discharge is toxic to marine life.
- To prevent contamination of bilge water, do not drain oil into bilge. Fit a tray underneath the engine to collect drips. Use pads in the pan to make clean up easier. Keep the bilge area as dry as possible. Fix all fluid leaks in a timely fashion. Inspect fluid lines and hoses for chaffing, wear and general deterioration. Clean bilge areas after engine maintenance work. When changing engine oil, wipe up any spills.
- Dispose of oil soaked absorbents when they are fully absorbed by wrapping in newspaper and then double wrapping in plastic and placing in the trash. The staff at the Shilshole marina can also handle disposal of oil filters.
- Keep engines tuned and operating at peak efficiency. Keep the use of engine cleaners to a minimum.
- Recreational vessels are not allowed to fuel at Bell Harbor Marina.

II. Hazardous Chemicals, Cleaners and Wastes

- Hazardous or flammable chemicals shall not be stored at Bell Harbor Marina. Provide these materials with cover and containment when stored on the vessel.
- The disposal of used oil, antifreeze, paints, solvents, varnishes, gas cylinders, preservatives batteries in the garbage is prohibited. These materials are not to be discharged to the sanitary sewer or to marine waters. Do not dispose of this waste in the Marina trash receptacles and do not leave this waste on the dock. Contact the Marina Office for a list of disposal service providers.
- Vessels must never leave drums of hazardous materials, empty drums or gas cylinders on the dock. If materials are left behind, the Marina Staff will contact the responsible party and assess clean-up charges incurred.

III. Spill Prevention and Response

Should a spill occur on or from your vessel, immediately stop the spill or leakage source and contain the spill. Report the spill immediately to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 and the Department of Ecology at 1-800-OILS-911 or 1-800 258-5990. Please also notify the Bell Harbor Marina Office.

- Have a supply of absorbent materials on board your vessel. Used absorbent materials should be wrapped in newspaper, double wrapped in plastic and disposed of in the trash dumpster.

- **There is a spill kit underneath the entrance ramp to the marina with an emergency supply of absorbent pads, gloves, coveralls, and disposal bags. This is available to anyone for immediate response to a spill. Responsible parties may be charged for materials used.**
- Do not use detergents or soaps to clean up spills. Oil and detergents are toxic to fish and other marine life. Detergents disperse spills, but do not eliminate them and the combination is more harmful to the environment than the fuel/oil alone.
- Additional Information for reporting spills is posted at the Marina Office.

IV. Solid Waste

- Throwing garbage into the water or on land is prohibited. Use trash dumpsters located at the marina for your use. Recycling dispensers for aluminum, glass, newspaper, tin, and plastic are available.

Notice to Boaters: A treaty known as the Marine Pollution Act (MARPOL) specifically prohibits the dumping of any plastics from any vessel anywhere in the ocean, or in our navigable waters, and restricts the dumping of all other types of refuse from boats.

If your boat is over 40' you are required by MARPOL to have a written waste management plan onboard. It must contain – name of the vessel; person in charge and; a short description of what you plan to do with your waste.

The Coast Guard requires all boats over 26 feet to display the MARPOL placard in a visible location.

V. Sewage and Gray Water Management

Sewage pump out facilities are located at the Dock A and are available at no cost to all customers 24 hours/day. Shore-side restrooms and showers are available for use 24-hours, 7 days per week. We encourage the use of shore-side facilities to reduce gray water generation.

- The discharge of sewage or black water is prohibited. Pump-out facilities are located at Dock A. Effective January 1, 2004, the use of Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) I and MSD II will not be allowed while a vessel is moored or navigating within the Marina. See definitions of Marine Sanitation Devices below.
- Shore-side restrooms and shower facilities are available for use 24-hours a day. We encourage you to use them.
- Pet waste may be a substantial source of fecal contamination to the Duwamish waters. All pet waste must be promptly removed and properly disposed of in the garbage. Pet waste scoop dispensers are located throughout the facility.
- Gray water discharge from sinks, dishwasher, laundry and showers may be harmful to aquatic life within the marina and contains bacteria in sufficient quantities to be a public health concern. Gray water should be contained and pump-out stations utilized. A list of pump-out stations is available in the Marina Office.
- The discharge of laundry water from a vessel is prohibited
- Use sink screens or strainers and dispose of strained waste in the garbage.

Notice to Boaters: Baking soda, vinegar, lemon juice and vegetable oil are far less harmful than conventional cleaning products; however, they are still foreign elements to the marine environment and should be treated as such. Use minimal amount needed to do the job and as practical, do not discharge into the water.

VI. Vessel Repair and Maintenance Activity

Minor Repairs and Maintenance – Slip-Side Maintenance

- Painting, scraping and refinishing of boats in the water is limited to minor touch-ups. Minor touch-ups include a small area on the superstructure, deck and hull above the waterline that requires repair for mostly cosmetic purposes. Extensive repair work and bottom cleaning should occur in a commercial, permitted boatyard or shipyard.
- Any minor painting, scraping and refinishing must be contained and all debris collected. All paint mixing must be done with the can placed inside additional containment that will catch spillage. Paint cans used shall be no larger than one-gallon in size. Minor painting and sanding is allowed on the interior and superstructure of the vessel. Placing a tarp over the work area is required to prevent any release of sanding debris or paint to the marine environment. The tarp should prevent releases as well as run off from rain.
- Repair activity is not allowed on the dock.
- Clean water under pressure may be used to remove salt from the outside of the vessel; however, any turbidity, oil sheen or discoloration to the receiving water is a violation of DOE Standard RCW 90.48 and is prohibited.