

Oak Grove Marina Rules and Regulations for Pollution Prevention Practices

Sewage Handling: (pumpout facility located on the end of the fuel dock)

- Never discharge raw sewage within Maryland waters. Always use a pumpout facility.
- Do not discharge Type 1 or Type 2 marine sanitation devices within the marina basin.
- Do not empty port-a-pots overboard.
- Do not discharge holding tanks overboard. Use the marina pumpout facility.

Organic Waste:

- Only clean fish in designated fish cleaning area (located along the bulkhead at pier 1)
- Double bag fish scraps before discarding them
- Walk pets in grass areas and please dispose of their waste using a double bag into the dumpster

Waste Oil and Fuel:

- Recycle used oil and antifreeze
- Use absorbent materials for oil, diesel or gas. Any absorbent material soaked in gas is best to air dry due to the flammable status. Oil and diesel absorbent pads must be double bagged to discard.
- Oil Filters – drain and recycle the oil. Double bag old filter once drained and place in dumpster

On Board Practices:

- Maintain oil absorbent pads on your vessel or in the bilge.
- Never discharge bilge water if there is a sheen to it or known oil/fuel leak
- Use only low-toxic antifreeze
- Ensure that your boat is in good repair and bilge pump is working correctly (especially before any forecasted heavy rain)

Repairs and Service work:

- All haul powerwashing, sanding, painting, etc must be done at the designated “wastewater collection area”
- You must obtain management approval before commencing any repair which would open the hull or involve the risk of oil, fuel, and any other harsh chemicals that could spill.

Refueling of your vessel:

- All “refueling” must occur at the fuel dock.
- The use of “jerry cans” to re-fuel your vessel is not permitted. The use of these cans brings a high risk of a spill
- Always use absorbent pads as needed when re-fueling your vessel
- After re-fueling check bilge for any fuel and run your blower to remove any fumes.

Notification of a fuel/oil spill or sheen in the water:

If a spill or sheen is observed please follow the necessary steps to reduce impacts:

1. Stop the flow
2. Contain the spill (Oak Grove Marina has absorbent materials and “boom” kit at the fuel dock)
3. Notify the marina manager
4. Call Maryland Department of the Environment’s Emergency Response Division at 866-633-4686
5. Call the U.S. Coast Guard's National Response Center at (800) 424-8802
6. Contact a spill response company if necessary