

BOAT WASHING FACTS FOR BOATYARD USERS

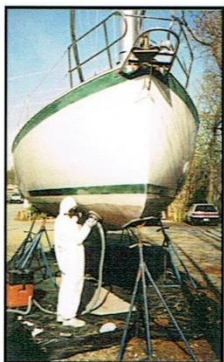
DID YOU KNOW...

- * As part of state and federal efforts to improve water quality, boatyards are required to have a General Discharge Permit from the State.
- * The Permit controls bottom washing water and storm water run-off from boat repair areas.
- * The Permit sets strict limits on suspended solids, oil & grease, and dissolved metals (copper, zinc, and lead) found in bottom washing water if it is discharged to state waters.
- * Boatyards prepared complex storm water plans to get the Permit and now check their storm water run-off four times a year.
- * Bottom wash water must be professionally tested several times a year, if discharged to state waters.



CHANGES IN THE BOATYARD

- * Because of the limits set in the Permit, most boatyards will have to stop discharging boat wash water by March 1, 2015.
- * Boatyards will be installing expensive new equipment to collect the water in a tank, treat and recycle the water, or redirect the water to the sewer system.
- * Some have already made these changes.
- * Costs for hauling and washing boats are likely to increase as a result of these major changes.
- * Some marinas may stop washing boat bottoms as a result of the new requirements.
- * Boatyards will also be requiring boat owners and their outside contractors to follow important rules.
- * Using filter fabric under boats, vacuum sanders, and tenting boats being blasted or sprayed will be required for customers and contractors.



DO YOUR PART TO HELP THE BOATYARD AND PROTECT OUR WATERS



- * Follow the rules in your boatyard or marina. Many of the boatyard's rules are required by their permit.
- * Read your contract to know your responsibilities.
- * Choose certified Maryland Clean Marinas. Find them on line at dnr.maryland.gov/boating
- * Consider copper free or metal free bottom paints. If you need a copper paint, select a paint with the lowest concentration that will do the job.
- * Never clean abrasive (soft) paints in the water. Use a boatyard that captures the water and helps to keep our waters clean.
- * You may clean 'hard' paints in the water as long as you do not remove paint. No chipping or aggressive scrubbing is allowed. Anodes (e.g., zinc or aluminum) should always be brought ashore for recycling.
- * Consider using aluminum anodes instead of zinc.

GET THE FACTS

- * Enter "**General Permit for Discharges from Marinas**" in the search box at www.mde.maryland.gov
- * **Maryland Clean Marina and Clean Boating Information** www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating/cleanmarina
- * **The Federal Clean Boating Act** will impact boaters more directly in the future: <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawguidance/cwa/vessel/CBA/about.cfm>



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