

GRAND HARBOUR

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CLEAN HARBOUR POLICY

Effective: 2026 Season

1.0 PURPOSE

Grand Harbour Marina is a proud participant in Ontario's Clean Harbour Program and is committed to protecting the waters of Lake Simcoe and the surrounding environment for current and future generations. This Clean Harbour Policy establishes the environmental standards and responsible boating practices that all marina members, guests, and vessel operators are required to follow while at Grand Harbour Marina.

Lake Simcoe is a treasured natural resource under active protection through the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Ontario). Every person using our marina has a shared responsibility to preserve the health of this lake.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Grand Harbour Marina Dockominium owners, seasonal members, transient guests, vessel operators, and any person aboard a vessel while moored at or visiting Grand Harbour Marina. Compliance with this policy is a condition of membership and dock access at Grand Harbour Marina.

3.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

3.1 Garbage and Solid Waste

- All garbage, food waste, recyclables, and refuse generated aboard vessels must be deposited in the Marina's designated waste disposal and recycling stations located on the property.
- No garbage, food waste, packaging, or solid material of any kind may be thrown, discharged, or deposited into the water, onto docks, or onto the grounds of the marina.
- Recyclable materials must be sorted in accordance with the Township of Ramara and Marina recycling requirements. Recycling stations are provided throughout the marina property.
- Hazardous household waste (batteries, paint, chemicals, cleaning products) must not be placed in regular garbage. Contact the Marina office for guidance on appropriate disposal.

3.2 Sewage and Blackwater

- The discharge of raw or untreated sewage (blackwater) from any vessel into the waters of Lake Simcoe or within the marina basin is strictly prohibited under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and Ontario environmental legislation.
- All vessels equipped with a marine sanitation device (MSD) or holding tank must ensure the MSD is in proper working order. Holding tanks must be pumped out at the Marina's designated pump-out station only — not discharged into the lake or harbour.
- Members *are* encouraged to plan ahead and use the marina pump-out facility regularly to avoid holding tank overflow situations.
- Greywater (sink water, shower water) should be minimized. Avoid using products in onboard sinks and showers that are not biodegradable and phosphate-free.

4.0 FUELLING AND SPILL PREVENTION

4.1 Fuelling Procedures

- All vessels must be fuelled at the Marina's designated fuel dock only.
- Members and guests must follow all fuel dock signage and staff instructions during fuelling.
- Do not top off fuel tanks. Leave adequate space for thermal expansion to prevent overflow.
- Use an absorbent fuel collar or rag around the fill pipe during fuelling to capture any drips.
- Ensure the fuel deck plate is securely closed after fuelling.

4.2 Oil and Bilge Water

- The discharge of oily bilge water, fuel, lubricants, or any petroleum product into the water is strictly prohibited and is an environmental offence under the Environmental Protection Act (Ontario) and the Canada Shipping Act, 2001.
- Bilge water containing oil or fuel must be treated with an absorbent bilge pad before any bilge pump is activated. Bilge pads must be replaced regularly and disposed of as hazardous waste at the Marina's collection point.
- Oil absorbent materials (pads, pillows, socks) are available at the marina office at no charge to members.
- All vessels should carry a bilge oil absorbent product at all times as a standard precaution.

4.3 Engine Maintenance and Fluid Containment

- Engine oil changes and other fluid-related maintenance must be performed in a manner that prevents any spillage into the water. Use drip pans and containment materials at all times.
- Used oil, filters, and petroleum products must be deposited in the Marina's used oil recycling receptacle. These items must never be placed in regular garbage or discharged into the marina basin.

5.0 VESSEL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning Products

- Only biodegradable, phosphate-free, and environmentally certified cleaning products may be used when washing vessels in or adjacent to the water. This applies to hull cleaning, deck washing, and all onboard cleaning activities.
- The use of chlorine bleach, ammonia-based cleaners, solvents, or any non-biodegradable cleaning product where wash water may enter the marina basin or Lake Simcoe is prohibited.
- Biodegradable and environmentally certified cleaning products are available for purchase at the Marina office.

5.2 Hull and Bottom Cleaning

- Anti-fouling paint containing tributyltin (TBT) is prohibited. Members must use only environment-friendly, approved antifouling products.
- In-water hull scrubbing that releases paint particles or debris into the water is not permitted.
- All hull and bottom cleaning work must be conducted in designated areas or when the vessel is hauled out.

5.3 Painting, Sanding, and Refinishing

- Sanding, grinding, painting, or varnishing must be conducted in designated areas on land, away from the water.
- Dust, debris, and paint overspray must be contained and collected. Tarps and containment materials must be used at all times during sanding or painting.
- Solvent containers must be sealed when not in use and disposed of as hazardous waste.

6.0 HAUL-OUT AND PRESSURE WASHING

- All pressure washing of vessel hulls is to be conducted at the Marina's designated pressure wash station equipped with appropriate drainage and containment.
- Hull wash water containing anti-fouling paint residue or other contaminants must not be allowed to flow freely into the marina basin or storm water drainage.
- Members are responsible for complying with all instructions from Marina staff during haul-out and pressure washing operations.

7.0 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) PREVENTION

The introduction of aquatic invasive species (AIS) is one of the most serious threats to the health of Lake Simcoe. All vessel operators are responsible for preventing the spread of AIS in compliance with Ontario Regulation 450/17 under the Invasive Species Act, 2015.

- Before launching from any location: CLEAN all aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your vessel, trailer, equipment, and anchor.
- DRAIN all water from livewells, bilges, ballast tanks, baitwells, and any other water-holding compartment before leaving a launch site.
- DRY your vessel, trailer, and all equipment completely before transporting to a different waterbody.
- Never release bait, live fish, plants, or water from one waterbody into another.
- Members arriving at Grand Harbour Marina from another waterbody must conduct the Clean, Drain, Dry protocol before entering the marina basin. Marina staff may inspect vessels for compliance.
- The transport of zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, Eurasian water milfoil, or any listed invasive species is a provincial offence and must be reported to the Harbour Master and the provincial Invasive Species Hotline: 1-800-563-7711.

8.0 NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION

- All vessel engines must be operated at the minimum power level necessary when manoeuvring within the marina basin to reduce noise, wake, and exhaust.
- Generator use aboard vessels is limited to the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Extended generator use outside of these hours requires prior approval from the Harbour Master.
- Bright floodlights or high-intensity lighting on vessels that may disturb neighbouring vessel occupants or wildlife must be directed downward and minimized during quiet hours.

9.0 WILDLIFE AND HABITAT PROTECTION

- Feeding of waterfowl, fish, or any wildlife from docks, vessels, or marina grounds is discouraged and may create nuisance wildlife problems and water quality impacts. Please refrain from feeding wildlife on Marina property.
- Members must not disturb nesting birds, shoreline vegetation, or aquatic habitat in or around the marina.
- No fishing is permitted from the Marina's docks or piers without the consent of the Harbour Master.

10.0 FINES AND ENFORCEMENT

10.1 General Cleanup Fine

Any member or guest whose vessel, activity, or conduct results in a cleanup requirement on marina property — including but not limited to garbage on docks, oil or fluid on dock surfaces, cleaning product residue, or any non-environmental spill requiring Marina staff time and materials to clean — will be assessed a minimum cleanup fee of:

Minimum Cleanup Fee: \$50.00 per occurrence, charged to the member's account.

This fee covers Marina staff time and materials. Where the cleanup requires third-party services or materials in excess of the minimum fee, the actual cost of cleanup will be charged to the member's account in full.

10.2 Environmental Violation Fine

Any discharge of fuel, oil, sewage, chemicals, or any substance into the waters of the marina basin or Lake Simcoe constitutes a serious environmental violation. In addition to any fines, penalties, or charges that may be levied by provincial or federal authorities, Grand Harbour Marina will assess a minimum Environmental Cleanup Surcharge as follows:

Minor Spill (contained, no water impact): Minimum \$250.00 per occurrence.

Spill Reaching Water or Requiring Environmental Response: Minimum \$500.00 per occurrence, plus the full cost of any environmental cleanup, contractor mobilization, regulatory reporting, and any third-party costs incurred by the Marina.

Environmental violations that result in government fines, penalties, or enforcement actions against the Marina may result in the full value of those fines being passed through to the responsible member. The Marina reserves the right to restrict or revoke dock access pending resolution of any outstanding environmental violation.

10.3 Reporting

All spills — regardless of size — must be reported to Marina staff immediately. Members who report a spill proactively and cooperate fully with cleanup will be treated more favourably than those whose spill is discovered by Marina staff. Prompt reporting is critical to protecting the lake and minimizing cleanup costs for all parties.

11.0 RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE MARINA

- Pump-out Station: Available at the fuel dock. Please ask staff for access.
- Used Oil Recycling: Receptacle located at Ship Yard adjacent to the marina. Accepted: engine oil, filters, oily rags.
- Hazardous Waste Collection: Contact the marina office for schedule and accepted items.
- Bilge Absorbent Pads: Available at the marina office at no charge.
- Biodegradable Cleaning Products: Available for purchase at the marina office.
- Spill Kits: Located at the fuel dock and at main marina building in the ship chandlery shop storage.
- AIS Information: Available at the marina office. Report sightings to 1-800-563-7711.

Note: This policy supports Grand Harbour Marina's Clean Harbour certification and our commitment to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. All members are required to acknowledge this policy annually. Questions regarding environmental practices or compliance should be directed to the Harbour Master. This policy is reviewed annually and is updated to reflect changes in provincial and federal environmental legislation.

MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the Grand Harbour Marina Clean Harbour Policy. I accept responsibility for the conduct of all persons aboard my vessel while on marina property.

Member Name (Print): _____

Slip / Berth #: _____

Vessel Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____