



Port of Skagit

La Conner Marina

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



At the La Conner Marina, we are proud to be a Certified Clean Marina. We care about the health of Puget Sound and we ask you to assist in keeping our marine waters clean by following our required Best Management Practices (BMPs).

BMPs are simple actions that you can take to prevent pollution from entering our marina basins. Our goal is to partner with you in the protection and enjoyment of our waters. Please contact the marina office at (360) 466-3118 with any questions regarding these topics or any other boating needs you may have. We are happy to assist you in your efforts to comply.

SPILLS

- Report in-water oil and fuel spills immediately to Port staff, Washington State Department of Ecology (1-800-OILS-911), and the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802). Port staff will respond to any call with a mobile spill kit.
- If you cause a spill, stop the source and clean it up immediately.
- Spill kits are located at both wash pads and at the haul-out pier. Clean up any spills with absorbent pads. Do not hose down spills.
- Do not use detergents or soaps to clean up fuel or oil spills as this makes recovery impossible. While enzyme-based cleaners are safe to use, it may take some time before the oil sheen is gone. It is best to remove contaminated water and dispose of it appropriately on shore. The discharge of emulsified oil is a violation of state law.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

- Boat hulls with soft or ablative anti-fouling paint shall not be scrubbed or cleaned in the marina by divers or with underwater scrubbing devices. Approved haul-out facilities must be used for these coatings. Mechanical devices or scrapers, or any process that removes paint underwater, may not be used.
- Divers are not allowed to leave any sort of material in the water including film, debris or zinc.
- Contractors must dispose of their own waste off site. The marina is not permitted to handle hazardous wastes generated by commercial operators or maintenance contractors.

BOAT WASHING – IN WATER

- In-water boat washing should be limited to the topside. No in-water hull cleaning or work below the water line is allowed. Use the haul-out and upland wash pads for hull cleaning.
- We recommend baking soda and vinegar for washing. If these are not available, use small amounts of phosphate-free and biodegradable, non-toxic soaps. Soaps listed as “biodegradable” are not necessarily “non-toxic” or “non-polluting”.
- If cleaners are used, no visible suds or discoloration of the water is permitted.

BOAT WASHING – UPLAND WASH PADS

- Boat wash pads are reserved for marina tenants and haul-out customers. No trailer-in use is permitted.
- Pressure washing must be approved by Port of Skagit staff.
- Only boats with hard-bottom paints can be pressure washed. Soft bottom paints cannot be pressure washed.

BILGE WATER

- Bilge water may contain oil, antifreeze, dispersants, solvents, or other toxic liquids and must be pumped, collected, and disposed of properly.
- Do not pump bilge water into the marina. Haul-out staff can take up to 5 gallons of bilge water. For larger amounts contact a private contractor. Install a manual bilge pump shut off to avoid discharging contaminated bilge water.
- Never drain oil, antifreeze, or other liquids into the bilge. If bilge water is contaminated with oil, use absorbents to remove oil before draining bilge water.