



## Environmental Rules

SSYC adheres to best management practices of the Wisconsin Clean Marina Program to protect water quality and the environmental integrity of the Club grounds. Members and their contractors will follow these environmental rules to help keep our waters and grounds clean.

### **Outdoor Storage Area:**

Keeping the ground free of debris will reduce the risk of dirt and pollutants from entering our waterways when it rains or when snow melts. Boaters are requested to keep the area around their boats clean at all times.

### **Recycling:**

Small volumes of cans, glass, newspapers and other recyclable materials should be collected and disposed of in the numerous labeled containers around the Club. Please sort your waste and keep recyclable material out of our compactor. Larger volumes of recyclable waste should be disposed of in the appropriate dumpsters by the compactor.

### **Shrink Wrap:**

Open flame heaters of any type are generally prohibited from use on Club property. The only exception will be those used for shrink wrapping a boat, and that will only be allowed if done by an approved contractor or with permission from the Club Manager or Director, Waterfront Services Committee. Permission must be requested and will require evidence of adequate insurance to cover any potential consequences. Recycle shrink wrap in the dumpster provided by the Club in the spring.

### **Painting:**

Anti-fouling paints contain pesticides such as copper and zinc to retard plant and animal growth on boat hulls. This paint debris is harmful to terrestrial and marine life. Boat bottom painting must be done over a tarp to catch drips or spills. Properly dispose of all used paint cans, thinners, and used brushes. Paint cans may only be disposed of in dumpsters located at the recycle center after they are empty and residual paint has dried in the can.

Members will be responsible for any and all damages to Club property and/or boats resulting from boat repair and maintenance activities on Club grounds. Any member who wishes to spray paint his or her boat or related equipment while stored on Club grounds must adequately cover all adjacent boats or properties owned by other Club members, or shield the boat or other property being sprayed. The covering or shielding must be secured so that no spray gets on anyone else's property. Spray painting is not allowed over the water or in marine boat slips at any time.

**Sanding:** The Club requires use of a dustless sander for any hull sanding activity. A dustless sander is available at no cost to members for this purpose and can be checked out from the Dockmaster or Club Manager. Boat bottom scraping or sanding must be done over a tarp and with a tent of plastic sheeting around vessel to contain dust. Dispose of debris

and soiled plastic and tarps in the trash dumpster. Owners are required to clean the areas around their boat of all painting, sanding and other debris. Should a boat owner fail to clean his or her area, he or she will be assessed the cost of clean-up.

**Fueling:**

All boat-fueling operations shall be accomplished at the fuel dock where there are proper facilities to prevent and clean up potential fuel spills. A Dockmaster must be present during any boat fueling; no exceptions. There shall be no refueling from portable containers or from refueling vehicles within the Marina. All fueling must use care to prevent spills. Use spill bottles or absorbent towels to contain fuel from overflow vents. To reduce fuel overflow, please check that all tank vents are clear of spider nests and wax or rubbing compound. Report spills to the Dockmaster and Club office immediately

**Marine Heads:**

It is illegal to discharge raw and/or treated sewage from a watercraft within the waters of the State. Y-valves must be properly disabled. Holding tanks may be pumped out by the boat owner at the gas dock pump-out station. Do not use formaldehyde chemical additives for holding tanks. While the pump-out station is preferred, a porta potty may also be emptied in the Club restrooms if the facility cleanliness and decorum are properly maintained. For instructions on how to use the pump out station, please view the Boat US video: <https://www.boatus.org/clean-boating/sewage/pumpout/>

**Electrical Safety**

Due to the potential for shock hazard and electrocution, swimming is not permitted in the marina. Please note that electrical pedestals on the docks are not GFI protected. Electrical equipment used outdoors and on the docks must be plugged into a GFI protected outlet. Slip holders shall not make any wiring modifications to an electrical pedestal on the docks. When boats are stored on Club grounds, battery charging extension cords shall be unplugged when the Member is not present.

**Graywater:**

Graywater includes soaps and detergents from boat showers and dishwashing and laundry facilities. These soaps, even those labeled 'biodegradable', contain substances harmful to marine life. Use Club facilities when available. Use low-nitrogen and phosphorous-free detergents for onboard laundry, dish washing, and general cleaning. Use all soaps and cleaners sparingly. Grey water systems should be discharged into the lake, not the marina, and should be emptied in a pump-out system whenever possible.

**Boat Washing:** Boat owners are encouraged to use environmentally friendly cleaning products and non-toxic paints. Products should be phosphate free and biodegradable. Avoid cleaners that contain lye, sodium hydrochloride, chloride, or petroleum distillates.

Check trailers and boats for invasive species such as Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Milfoil Seaweed when trailering boats to other bodies of water. Wash bait coolers, boat hulls and other sources for invasive species.

**Oil Disposal:** Proper precautions must be taken when performing mechanical work on any boats on land (such as using a pan to catch any oil drippings when servicing outdrives). Used engine oil and oil filters must be taken to the barrels in the recycling center or removed from the Club grounds by the Member. Members may not dispose of oil by dumping it either on the ground, in a dumpster, into a drain or overboard. Members are responsible for their contractors and any failure of their contractors to comply with these Rules.

The use of oil absorbent pads and pillows in your bilge and engine compartment are encouraged. Properly dispose of used absorbent pads at the recycle center. Do not discharge bilge water if it has a sheen.

**Batteries:**

Used batteries may not be disposed of into the Club dumpsters. Remove used batteries from the Club grounds and take them to an appropriate recycling center (e.g. Batteries+). Batteries must be removed or disconnected on all watercraft when winter stored on Club grounds.

**Prohibited Disposal:**

The use of solvents and other materials that generate hazardous waste is strongly discouraged. Hazardous wastes are strictly prohibited from being disposed in the trash dumpster or on Club grounds. These types of wastes and waste gasoline should be taken to City/County recycling centers for disposal. Illegal discharge of hazardous wastes will be reported.

**Winterization Chemicals:** The use of ethylene glycol-based antifreeze for winterization on Club grounds is strictly prohibited. Members and their contractors must use a non-toxic antifreeze. Blowing out antifreeze into the water is prohibited at all times. Boaters should collect and recycle used antifreeze and dispose of in the provided antifreeze barrels in the recycling center.

**Conserve Water:**

Do not waste water by allowing water hoses to run.

**Pet and Fish Waste**

Dogs on Club property must be leashed at all times. Dogs may not be walked on grassy areas around or near the Clubhouse or grassed areas where sails may be folded. Pets are to be walked off Club grounds. Please bag the waste and dispose in the appropriate dumpster. It is illegal to dispose of pet and fish waste in the waters of the State.

Cleaning of fish both on the docks and on the grounds is prohibited. Fish cleaning stations are located at South Shore Park and McKinley Marina. Fish waste should be held for disposal off Club grounds to minimize the associated dumpster odor.

**Please Don't Feed Waterfowl:**

Feeding waterfowl can create many problems for the birds as well as for the environment. The practice of feeding ducks and geese assorted types of junk food can cause significant health problems for these birds. Waterfowl habituated to human handouts are more likely to take up residence and less likely to be successfully driven away from locations where they may not be welcomed, such as your boat.