

**Hempstead
Harbor
Protection
Committee**
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An Inter-municipal Watershed Protection Committee of the County of Nassau, the Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, the City of Glen Cove, and the Villages of Sea Cliff, Roslyn Harbor, Roslyn, Flower Hill and Sands Point

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

January 28, 2009

Mr. Brandon Palanker
RexCorp Glen Isle Proposed Marina
9 Gerhard Road
Plainview, NY 11803

RE: CLEAN MARINAS PROJECT

Dear Mr. Palanker:

On November 25, 2008, we wrote to Darren Monti regarding our Clean Marinas Project but have not received a formal response as of this date. As you may know, on November 6, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published notices that effectively declared Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay Harbor and Cold Spring Harbor to be official Vessel Waste No Discharge Zones. A copy of the Federal Register notice for Hempstead Harbor is enclosed.

In conjunction with this development, the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee ("HHPC") has initiated a voluntary **Clean Marinas Program** for Hempstead Harbor and would like to invite you to participate as a charter member.

"Clean Marinas" programs currently exist in 23 states but are relatively new in New York State. These programs involve the voluntary adoption of best management (or "green") practices aimed at protecting water quality. They include such practices as: containing and properly disposing of the scrapings and runoff from bottom painting; recycling of used motor oil and batteries; having a plan and spill containment materials on hand in case of a fuel spill and providing pump-out facilities for boaters.

"Clean Marinas" can be good for business. Customers feel better about doing business with a "clean marina"; employees feel better about working in a safer environment and over time, cleaner waterways entice more to become boaters and enjoy the marine environment.

The HHPC would like to serve as a resource to area marinas and yacht clubs by providing information and by publicizing those facilities that choose to become Clean Marinas. Please look over the enclosed brochure describing the program and sign the Clean Marinas pledge. Once we receive enough pledges, we will convene a kick-off meeting (anticipated to be held early in 2009). In the meantime, please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric Swenson
Executive Director

CLEAN MARINA PLEDGE FORM

On behalf of the

(name of facility)

I pledge to do my part to maintain an environmentally-responsible facility. I will identify opportunities and implement practices to control pollution associated with such operations (as appropriate) as:

- Painting and fiberglass repair
- Hauling and storage of boats
- Fueling
- Facility management
- Emergency planning
- Vessel pump-outs

I commit to actively pursue designation as a Hempstead Harbor Clean Marina. Within one year of the date below, I will implement appropriate pollution prevention practices and will apply to the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee for recognition as a Hempstead Harbor Clean Marina.

(name of facility owner)

(signature of facility owner)

(date)

WHERE TO SEND THE PLEDGE FORM

By Mail:

HHPC Clean Marinas Program
150 Miller Place
Syosset, NY 11791

Or By Fax:

(516) 677-5876

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The HHPC will meet with you to discuss the program and provide you with resources and contacts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact:

Eric Swenson, Executive Director
Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee
150 Miller Place
Syosset, NY 11791

Phone: (516) 677-5790

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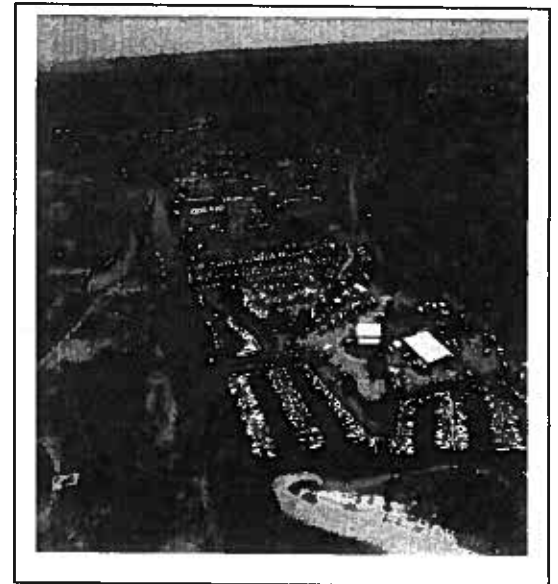
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THE PROGRAM

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They include such practices as: containing and properly disposing of the scrapings and runoff from bottom painting; recycling of used motor oil and batteries; having a plan and spill containment materials on hand in case of a fuel spill and providing pump-out facilities for boaters, among others.

Each facility develops its own plan based on the services it offers and its resources.

The Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee ("HHPC") has initiated this program for Hempstead Harbor and will serve as a resource to assist them in achieving their designation as a "Hempstead Harbor Clean Marina".

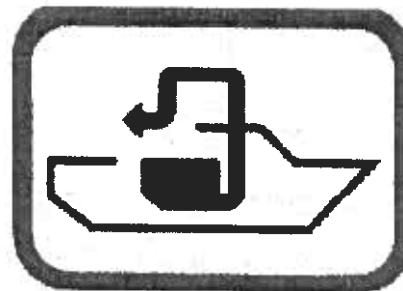
Hempstead Harbor Clean Marinas will receive official recognition on the harbor's website, in press releases and be able to display the official Hempstead Harbor Clean Marina logo.

BENEFITS OF BEING A CLEAN MARINA

Clean Marinas can be good for business. Customers feel better about doing business with a "clean marina"; employees feel better about working in a safer environment and over time, cleaner waterways entice more to become boaters and enjoy the marine environment.

IT'S EASY TO BECOME A HEMPSTEAD HARBOR CLEAN MARINA

Simply complete the pledge form on the back of this brochure and mail or fax it to the HHPC. The HHPC will meet with you and assist you in developing goals and a plan for your facility. Once you achieve these goals, you will be officially designated as a Hempstead Harbor Clean Marina.



SOME SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U.S. EPA Clean Marinas site:
www.epa.gov/owow/nps/marinas/#c

NOAA Clean Marina Initiative:
<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/marinas.html>

New Jersey's Clean Marina site:
www.njcleanmarina.org

Connecticut's Clean Marina guide:
www.ct.gov/Dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2705&Q=323528

Massachusetts Clean Marina Guide:
www.mass.gov/czm/marinas/guide/macleanmarinaguide.htm

Florida's Clean Marina Manual:
www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina/

North Carolina's Clean Marina site:
www.nccoastalmanagement.net/Marinas/clean.htm

BoatUS Foundation CleanWater site:
www.boatus.com/foundation/cleanwater/