

How to Become a Certified Connecticut Clean Marina

A marina or boatyard must meet all legal and regulatory standards required by the state and federal government, and then meet a percentage of BMPs outlined in this document to become certified as a Connecticut Clean Marina. The criteria are outlined in two checklists: the “Connecticut Marina Compliance Checklist,” and the “Connecticut Clean Marina Award Checklist.”

To become a certified Connecticut Clean Marina, use the “Connecticut Clean Marina Award Checklist,” the “Connecticut Marina Compliance Checklist,” and the *Connecticut Clean Marina Guidebook* as references to assess your facility. If you meet the requirements for certification, contact the Connecticut Clean Marina Program at (860) 424-3034 to schedule a confirmation visit. A representative from the Connecticut Clean Marina Program will meet with you to verify the items checked on the “Connecticut Clean Marina Award Checklist.”

If you do not yet meet the minimum percentage of criteria on the checklist, you can still join the program as a Clean Marina Pledge. By signing the “Connecticut Clean Marina Pledge,” you commit to becoming certified within one year. Clean Marina staff and volunteer marina operators are available to help answer questions as you work toward Clean Marina certification.

Once certified, you must confirm annually in writing that you continue to meet the award standards described on the “Connecticut Clean Marina Award Checklist.” A Clean Marina representative will contact you to set up a meeting at a mutually convenient time to reaffirm your Clean Marina status.

The benefits of Clean Marina Certification are clear. All Connecticut Clean Marinas are authorized to use the Clean Marina logo on letterhead and in advertising. All receive a framed certificate, and a Clean Marina logo flag. Certified Clean Marinas will be listed on Connecticut Clean Marina web page at <http://dep.state.ct.us/>, and will be included in Clean Marina publications and public displays. Connecticut Clean Marina staff will prepare a news release recognizing your demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship.