



TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

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A Message From
Town Supervisor
JOSEPH SALADINO



Dear Boater,

Whether you're an avid fisherman, water-skier or sunbather on board, all forms of recreational boating have an impact on the environment around us.

Many travel far and wide to enjoy the Town of Oyster Bay's nearly 70 miles of coast and beach area. While we enjoy all the adventure, fun and tranquility that our waterways offer us, we must be mindful of how we affect these waterways.

This Green Boating Guide, designed by The Town of Oyster Bay's Department of Environmental Resources, serves as a comprehensive and practical guide to minimize our environmental impact on the water and maximize safety and fun!

Inside this guide you will find tips on how to implement eco-friendly changes in your boating routine to have a wide-reaching impact and preserve the health of our waterways and Mother Earth for future generations.

Join us in our efforts to go green for big blue!

Sincerely,

JOSEPH SALADINO
Town Supervisor

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POLLUTION PREVENTION



FILL UP CAREFULLY

Proper fueling procedures can help prevent fuel and oil from sneaking into our waterways.

- Filling up our tanks is the most common way that we unintentionally pollute our waters- even a tiny spill is toxic to our waterways, harming both animals and plants. The cost to prevent a fuel spill is significantly less than the cost to clean it up; so a little planning goes a long way to keep our environment clean.

BEFORE FUELING: Check fuel lines and tanks for any cracks. Have an absorbent bib or collar ready to catch drips. Know the capacity of your fuel tanks and consider installing an overflow attachment.

DURING: Fill your tank slowly to prevent any overflow. The U.S. Coast Guard recommends filling inboard tanks to 90% capacity to allow for expansion due to heat.

MANAGE YOUR WASTE

All vessels in Oyster Bay must use pump out stations/services to remove waste and blackwater; dumping waste is prohibited.

- Sewage discharge (also known as blackwater) contains pollutants including nutrients, metals, toxins and pathogens.
- Blackwater discharged from your boat can impair water quality, negatively affect ecosystems and increase risks to human health.
- Use your Marine Sanitation Device with a holding tank to store sewage until it can be transferred ashore at a pump out facility.

DID YOU KNOW? Discharge of blackwater from a single boat over one weekend contributes the same amount of bacterial pollution as the treated sewage from 10,000 people. (California State Water Resources Control Board)

BE PREPARED FOR A SPILL

Store spare oil-absorbent socks, pads and pillows onboard your boat just in case a spill occurs. Since each spill is handled differently, be sure to contact the marina and/or the U.S. Coast Guard at 1-800-424-8802 for a cleanup advice.

Never use detergent or dish soap to make the spill disappear. Using dish soap simply breaks the oil down into smaller droplets, making the spill harder to clean and more toxic to marine life.

DID YOU KNOW? One pint (2 cups) of oil released into the water can spread into a one-acre oil slick, larger than a U.S. football field. (U.S. EPA)



REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE



REDUCE AND SAVE MONEY

Lowering the amount of your annual fuel consumption helps to minimize your environmental impact, carbon emissions and saves you money at the same time!

- Reducing your speed by just 10% from full throttle can save you up to 20% in fuel costs.
- Before and after taking a trip, make sure to remove all unnecessary gear and materials. Doing so will ensure that nothing will accidentally fly overboard and contribute to marine debris pollution. Reducing weight onboard can also help your engine run more easily, leading to improved fuel efficiency and mileage overall.

Another way to maintain fuel efficiency is to keep the hull of your boat clean and free of marine growth (fouling).

DID YOU KNOW? After 6 months in the water, a boat may use 40% more fuel due to fouling, costing you more money and more carbon dioxide pollution! (www.advantageenvironmental.com)

REUSE AND RECYCLE

- Roughly 17.6 billion pounds of plastic ends up in the water annually- which is equivalent to dumping one garbage truck of plastic into the ocean every minute! (www.oceana.org)
- Single-use plastics pose a threat to our marine environment as they do not biodegrade over time. Instead, plastics simply become smaller pieces that absorb toxins and chemicals in the water. As small pieces, plastics are consumed by wildlife and become dangerous to their health. As fish consume plastics they can enter our food chain and our dinner plates!

Help do your part by opting for re-usable items onboard and recycle materials like oil, batteries and fishing line.

DID YOU KNOW? The single-use shrink wrap needed to cover a 20-foot boat weighs approximately 25 pounds, which is the equivalent to using 2,250 single-use plastic bags. (Sailors for the Sea) Instead, consider using a re-usable tarp or canvas cover.



PROTECT YOUR BOAT AND OUR WILDLIFE



GREEN YOUR CLEAN

Graywater is untreated wastewater collected from boat washing, sinks and showers on board. Like blackwater, this discharge is often high in nutrients and can negatively impact our waterways and wildlife.

These chemicals can also promote the growth of algal blooms, which cause beach closures and large scale marine life die-offs.

Whether you clean your boat on land or in the water, the choice of product that you use is important.

- To ensure that your cleaner is safe and eco-friendly, look to see if it is part of the “Safer Choice” program, a label that designates the product meets the EPA’s criteria for less toxic and persistent chemicals.
- Consider using a sponge or brush to remove dirt and minimize use of cleansers.

DID YOU KNOW? Any cleansing product can be labeled with the terms “natural”, “non-toxic”, “organic” or “biodegradable” regardless of ingredients. Be sure to research your hull cleansers and other cleansing supplies to protect yourself and the environment from potential harm.

RESPECT OUR WILDLIFE

As recreational boaters, marine wildlife is often a highlight to encounter when out on the water.

Whether a terrapin turtle on the coast, or a pod of dolphins swimming by, there’s so much wildlife to appreciate in The Town of Oyster Bay!

- Before your trip, take note of what animals are often in your area and your boating destination.
- When viewing wildlife on the water, be sure to lower voices and music volume to minimize disturbance.
- Slow down your boat to avoid a collision and disturbance from your wake. Always keep a distance from wildlife and limit your observation time to 30 minutes.

FOR ANY INJURY, STRANDING OR WILDLIFE CONCERN, PLEASE CONTACT:

The U.S. Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16

NOAA Marine Entanglement Hotline
1-800-900-3622

Atlantic Marine Conservation Society
(631) 317-0030



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CAPTAINS
FOR A CAUSE

GREEN BOATING PLEDGE



NO POLLUTION IS
THE ONLY SOLUTION

As a member of the Captain's for a Cause Program, I pledge to do my part in keeping Oyster Bay's waterways clean. I will identify opportunities and implement environmentally friendly practices associated with my boating activities such as fueling, boat maintenance, and waste management. I will further ensure that all passengers aboard my vessel follow the guidelines and maintain a clean and green boating environment.

As a Green Boater I will..



Manage My Sewage responsibly by using pump-out services. For Town pump-outs visit oysterbaytown.com/pumpout, VHF Channel 9, or call (516) 375-9864 to schedule.



Practice Proper Fueling Techniques, avoid topping off fuel tank, and use oil absorbent rags and other devices to make sure no fuel gets into the water.



Keep Oyster Bay's Waterways Clean by disposing of trash and recycling appropriately, and by using products with all natural ingredients whenever possible.



Follow Clean Boating Practices and Principles as outlined in our Green Boating Guide, role model behavior to fellow boaters, and remember that a clean environment ALWAYS starts with ME.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

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COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES..797-7900

- CAPA - Cultural and Performing Arts.....797-7925
- GAP - Group Activities Program
for the Handicapped.....797-7947
- Senior Citizen Services.....797-7916
- Senior Citizen "Golden Age" Housing.....797-7935
- Pre-School.....797-7900
- Veterans Services.....797-7875

COMPROLLER.....624-6440

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES.....677-5943

- Animal Shelter.....677-5784
- Town Environmental Quality Review Comm.....677-5943
- S.T.O.P.Coordinator.....677-5943

GENERAL SERVICES.....624-6100

- Purchasing.....624-6110

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.....677-5757

- Public Lighting.....677-5915
- Signs & Maint. of Public Parking Lots.....677-5838
- Trees (utility strip) & Sidewalks.....677-5888

HOUSING AUTHORITY.....349-1000

HUMAN RESOURCES.....624-6425

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS..797-4582

PARKS DEPARTMENT

- Beach Division**.....797-4114
- Centre Island Beach, Bayville.....624-6123
- Philip B. Healey Beach at Florence
Avenue, Massapequa797-7994
- Charles Ransom Beach, Bayville.....624-6160
- Stehli Beach, Bayville.....624-6125
- Tappen Beach & Boat Basin,
Glenwood Landing.....674-7100
- Theodore Roosevelt Beach & Boat Basin,
Oyster Bay.....624-6202
- Tobay Beach & Boat Basin.....679-3900
- Parks Division**.....797-4128
- Bethpage Community Park.....433-7465
- Ellsworth W.Allen Town Park,
Farmingdale.....755-1842
- Haypath Park, Plainview.....755-1847
- John J. Burns Town Park,
Massapequa.....797-7980
- Marjorie R.Post Community Park.....797-7990
- Plainview-Old Bethpage
Community Park.....733-8400
- Syosset-Woodbury Community Park677-5990

Recreation Division.....797-4125

Town Golf Course.....677-5980

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT.....624-6200

- Building Division.....624-6218
- Certificate of Occupancy.....624-6379
- Code Compliance.....624-4805
- Engineering.....624-6246
- Zoning Board of Appeals.....624-6232

PUBLIC SAFETY677-5350

Emergency Operations Center.....677-5757

Bay Constable Marine Bureau:

- North Shore-624-6201 South Shore- 797-7986

PUBLIC WORKS.....677-5935

- Recycling (S.O.R.T.) Hotline.....677-5745
- Sanitation Collection.....677-5848

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- Licensing - resident
(parking, dogs, shellfish, etc.).....624-6324
- Licensing - commercial
(taxi, tow car, waste haul, etc.).....624-6321
- FOIL (Freedom of Information Requests).....624-6318
- Passports.....624-6343
- Vital Statistics:
 - Births.....624-6336
 - Marriages.....624-6335
 - Deaths.....624-6337
- Massapequa Annex, Town Hall South
 - Licensing - resident.....797-7960
 - Passports.....797-7962
 - Marriage Licenses797-7961



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