

How You Can Help...

As A Boater

- Avoid driving your boat through seagrass beds to prevent damage to these sensitive marine nursery areas from propellers. If you run aground, stop your motor, tilt it up and pole or push your way free.
- Stow trash carefully when boating to prevent it from going overboard. Plastics such as fishing line and six-pack rings are especially harmful to marine animals and coastal birds.
- Avoid oil leaks by properly maintaining your boat engine. Never dump oil in waterways, storm drains, ditches or on the ground. Bring used oil to marinas or service stations that recycle oil. Place oil-absorbent rags in the bilge of your boat to soak up oil that collects in the hull.
- Sewage from holding tanks should be discarded only at approved pump-out stations and marinas.
- Rinse and scrub your boat with a brush and fresh water. For stubborn dirt, use phosphate-free soap.
- Be especially careful not to top off your gas tank when fueling. Small toxic spills add up quickly.