

## Other Tips For Clean Boating

- **Prevent fuel/oil from going overboard** by keeping your engine properly tuned, avoiding an overfilled fuel tank, and passing along this important information to other boaters
- **Keep our waters free of litter** by removing unnecessary litter from the deck, stop throwing garbage, food and other wastes overboard, pick up trash that accidentally falls overboard, and teach everyone on board good waste management practices.

- **Sewage control & pumpout practices:**

**If you do not have a “head” on board-** use onshore bathrooms before casting off, make restroom stops when needed, bring a portable toilet on board. Our Sound and Bay are not toilets; do not treat them like one.

**If you do have a head (& holding tank) on board –**

Use pump-out stations when in a no-discharge zone (1-800 ASK-FISH for facility locations), use only environmentally friendly deodorants, and encourage additional pump-out facility locations to marinas and Boat constables.

## Why Participate??

- **Because you should! We all use the Bay- it is our job to use it responsibly.**
- **Clean water provides the necessary habitat for fish, shellfish, and other marine organisms that live in our Bay.**
- **A clean Bay is important for our recreational economy as it supports the boaters, fishermen, and others that use it.**
- **Families all around the Bay spend summers on our beaches, keeping the Bay clean means keeping the waters open for swimming!**

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## Join us in the Clean Boating Crusade!

Put A Sock In It  
(A Bilge Sock!!)

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## Introducing the bilge sock!



Manhasset Bay is the second largest boating community in Long Island Sound. Unfortunately, with each boat comes a certain amount of pollution. Although each boat may release a small amount of pollution, multiply this by the thousands of boats in our Bay and there is a major cause for concern. Pollution is hurting our Bay!

Water pollution from boating and marinas is linked to several sources including illegal sewage discharge, accidental and illegal oil and fuel spills, and other small accidents.

The result of each pollution event is negative and includes:

- Destruction of marine life
- Unsuitable shell-fishing conditions
- Beaches that are closed to bathing
- Negative economic and ecologic impacts

## How Do I Use the Bilge Sock?

Poorly maintained engines and accidental spills may cause oil, fuel, and cleaning products to collect in the boat's bilge. When you discharge your bilge water, you're polluting the water!!

### Directions

Place the bilge sock in your bilge. The sock is made of absorbent materials that remove petroleum products (oil, fuel, etc) from the bilge water. Use the attached loop to secure the sock so as to avoid interference with the bilge pump.

### How Do I dispose of it?

These particular bilge socks can be thrown out with your regular trash at the end of the boating season. However, not all bilge socks can be disposed of this way, so please check for directions if you purchase or receive one from another source.

## Understand why your participation is so crucial!!

**Read on.....**

Each sock will hold approximately 1.5 quarts of oil.

Imagine if you didn't have a bilge sock, each boater may contribute 1.5 quarts of oil per summer multiplied by 1700 boaters..... That's 2250 quarts of oil every summer – AN OIL SPILL!

**Please get involved and help clean up our Bay!**

**To Receive A Bilge Sock, Please Call Jenifer at 516-869-7835.**