



*On Your  
Boat*

**Best  
Management  
Practices**

STOCKTON  
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**STORM**



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## General Practice

- Place an oil absorbing sponge in the bilge to remove oil.
- Use nontoxic detergent, elbow grease, and a brush to clean your boat and hull. Products that remove stains or make the boat shine can be toxic.
- Regulations prohibit the use of boat paints containing tributyl tin on boats under 65-feet. Copper-based additives may be less toxic, but can still pollute.
- For live-aboards, hook up to a community sewage collection system.
- Reduce shore erosion in streams, rivers, and inlets by slowing down and decreasing the boat's wake.



- Bring all packaging, containers and fishing gear back to dock and pick up any litter floating in the water.
- Reusable cups, plates and other utensils are preferable to disposable, nonbiodegradable supplies.
- A certified used oil recycling center will reimburse for each gallon that is recycled. Up to 20 gallons a day may be recycled in containers no larger than 5 gallons.

## Disposal of Materials

- Vacuum and bag boat scrapings and take the bag to the San Joaquin County Hazardous Waste Facility located near the Stockton Airport.
- If flushing the head without a tank is absolutely necessary, always avoid doing so in marinas and Delta channels.
- Go to a pump-out station to discharge tank wastes.

