



# Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Program

The Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Program is a voluntary program implemented by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District and its watershed partners to promote environmentally responsible marina and boating practices. This program, established in support of the National Clean Boating Campaign, will help marina operators protect the very resource that provides them with their livelihood: Clean Water. It is designed as an ongoing program to reduce water pollution and erosion in the Cumberland River watershed. The effort will encourage boater education, increased coordination among state agencies and better communication of existing laws, as well as offer incentives for creative and proactive marina operators.

## Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Guidebook and Checklist

The Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Guidebook and accompanying Checklist cover clean marina priorities and establish the criteria for being designated a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina. When your facility has met the requirements set forth in the guidebook, a Corps team will visit the marina to verify the objectives. After a successful endorsement visit, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your commitment and a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina flag to fly from your property.

The seven major priorities include:

- Sewage management
- Oil and gas control
- Solid waste and petroleum recycling/disposal
- Vessel maintenance and repair
- Marina siting, design and maintenance
- Stormwater management and erosion control
- Public Education

## Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Benefits

### Resource Protection

Marinas rely on clean water for their livelihood. Becoming a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina will help to ensure that boaters will continue to have a clean, safe recreational resource. Marina operators, who depend on boaters for their income, have the strong interest in protecting the resource upon which they rely so heavily.



### **Membership Priviledges**

Marinas meeting the guidelines will receive a certificate to display acknowledging their commitment to clean water and a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina flag to fly from their property. They will also be recognized in media releases, on the Corps website and in other Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina promotions and events.

### **Increase Business**

Formal and informal studies have shown that the most important aspect in a marina for boat owners is cleanliness. By operating a clean marina and flying the Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina flag, you have an advantage in attracting new customers. Chances are, the new customers you attract will be more environmentally responsible, thus reducing your liability from careless boaters.

### **Self-Regulation**

The Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Initiative and similar movements across the country provide marinas with the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to improving water quality and addressing water quality issues. If successful, it could help the marine industry avoid new regulations.

### **Generate Revenue**

Selling and promoting the use of “Green” products in your marina store for boat maintenance and cleaning puts less polluting tools in the hands of do-it-your-selfers and generates marina revenue. Renting equipment for boat maintenance to your customers also generates revenue. Renting vacuum sanders and grinders, for example, keeps paint and grit from reaching the water. In turn, this keeps toxic heavy metals contained in paint from being consumed by mussels, worms and other bottom-dwelling aquatic life and transferred through the food chain to fish, birds and humans.

### **Cost Reduction**

By reducing, reusing and recycling, marina operators can cut the costs of waste disposal/removal while encouraging environmentally responsible behavior. Using non-disposable products and ones that can be reused also saves on the cost of supplies.

## **How To Become a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina**

### **Pledge to participate in the Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Program**

The first step in becoming a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina is to sign the Pledge included in the introductory material delivered to your marina. In signing the Pledge, you commit “to controlling pollution and erosion at your facility and to promoting water-protective





behavior with the boating public.” Return a copy of the Pledge to the appropriate Resource Manager’s Office and keep the original to display at your marina. The Resource Manager’s Office will provide you with a Clean Marina Guidebook and Checklist and introduce you to the program.

### **Familiarize Yourself with the Guidebook and Checklist**

Read the guidebook and checklist carefully to understand the goals and objectives of the initiative. If you have any questions, the Resource Manager’s Office for your project is on hand to provide assistance. (See the contact numbers on page 4.)

### **Conduct a Self-Assessment of Your Marina and Property**

Assess your marina by using the Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Guidebook and Clean Marina Checklist.

### **Endorsement Visit**

If your marina meets the minimum requirements to become a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina, contact your Resource Manager’s Office to schedule an endorsement visit confirming the self-assessment Checklist.

If your marina does not meet the minimum requirements, don’t worry. The Corps and its partners can help you find needed resources and answer any of your questions. Our goal is to have all Cumberland River Basin marinas participate successfully in the program.

### **Designation as a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina**

After the successful endorsement visit, you will receive a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina certificate acknowledging your commitment, a C/D of logos and authorization to use the Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina logo, and a Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina flag to fly from your property. Your marina will also be recognized in press releases, on the Corps website and in other Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina promotions and events.

### **Sustaining Your Clean Marina Status**

Sustaining your Clean Marina status is easy. Simply complete a new self-assessment once every five years using the Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Guidebook and Checklist. When it is time for your self-assessment, call your Resource Manager’s Office to receive the most current Checklist. Complete the self-assessment and set up a meeting with a Resource Manager’s Office member for a visit to reaffirm your Clean Marina status. As rules and regulations are not static, you will be notified if there are any changes in the contents of the Guidebook and Checklist.

If the marina changes ownership, the new owners may commit to the program by signing the Pledge, conducting a self-assessment, scheduling an endorsement visit, and certifying. Clean Marina status may be revoked if the marina fails to keep up the standards in this guidebook.



# Corps Resource Manager's Offices

## **Lake Barkley**

Highway 62, Box 218  
Grand Rivers, KY 42045  
270-362-4236

## **Cheatham Lake**

1798 Cheatham Dam Road  
Ashland City, TN 37015  
615-254-3734 or 615-792-5697

## **J. Percy Priest Lake**

3737 Bell Road  
Nashville, TN 37214  
615-889-1975

## **Old Hickory Lake**

No. 5 Power Plant Road  
Hendersonville, TN 37075  
615-822-4846 or 615-847-2395

## **Cordell Hull Lake**

71 Corps Lane  
Carthage, Tennessee 37030  
615-735-1034

## **Center Hill Lake**

158 Resource Lane  
Lancaster, TN 38569  
931-858-3125

## **Dale Hollow Lake**

5050 Dale Hollow Dam Road  
Celina, TN 38551  
931-243-3136

## **Lake Cumberland**

855 Boat Dock Road  
Somerset, KY 42501  
606-679-6337

## **Laurel River Lake**

1433 Laurel Lake Road  
London, KY 40744  
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## **Martins Fork Lake**

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Smith, KY 40867  
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