

PORTAGE COVE SMALL BOAT HARBOR

The Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor in Haines was certified as an Alaska Clean Harbor in October 2013 by the Alaska Clean Harbors Advisory Committee. In this document you will find highlights of best management practices employed by the Portage Cove Harbor staff as a pro-active approach to pollution prevention and protection of Alaska's marine environment.



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Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor Introduction

The Seward Small Boat Harbor has 124 reserved stalls and 463 linear feet of transient moorage available. The harbor supports commercial, sport, and recreational fleets. Potable water and electricity is available. The fuel dock is owned by the Borough and is operated by the Harbor staff.

Best Management Practices Highlights

As of October 2013, the Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor implements 100% of the legally required Best Management Practices (BMPs) and 91% of the Alaska Clean Harbors BMPs. Below we have highlighted some practices employed at the Harbor from each of the eight Alaska Clean Harbors BMP sections that help reduce pollution and protect the marine environment while providing boaters with a safe and productive marina for business and recreation. The Seward Harbor has shown dedication to improving water quality and improving pollution prevention services to their customers through these and other actions. The Alaska Clean Harbors Advisory Committee applauds them for these efforts and looks forward to continuing work with them and the boating fleets in Seward on continued pollution prevention efforts.

Solid Waste Management

- Single-stream recycling center established at the harbor
- Recycling reminders are posted in the local newspaper and at the harbor office
- Harbor staff built a new 'gut barge' to dispose of fish waste outside of the harbor basin.

Hazardous Waste Management

- All hazardous material storage areas have at least 110% containment and all materials are labeled with records maintained.
- Storage and proper disposal is available and conveniently located for used batteries, used antifreeze, and used paint for all customers.
- A collection barrel for used zincs was installed at the grid.

Petroleum Product Management

- Used oil collection station was improved for ease of usage and spill prevention.
- All used oil from the harbor is sent to an approved recycling facility.
- Spill response materials are available on-site and staff are trained in oil spill response procedures.

Boat Cleaning & Hull Maintenance

- Best management practices for boat maintenance are on a new sign at the harbor, and are provided to customers and are strictly enforced by



*Top to bottom:
Hazardous waste
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harbor staff. Painting, sanding, and grinding are prohibited unless proper containment is provided.

- A sign was installed at the tidal grid, outlining grid use policies.
- A portable containment system will be trialed this spring on the grid in the harbor.

Sewage & Pumpout Facility Operation

- The Harbor is a No Discharge Zone – all treated and untreated human and pet waste is prohibited in the harbor basin and uplands, including from Type I and Type II marine sanitation devices
- A new sewage pump-out unit was installed with signage.
- Upland restrooms are included in new harbor/uplands design work underway.

Vessel Operation Management

- Information is provided to boaters on preventing the spread of invasive species, including rats.
- Haines has abandoned & derelict vessel ordinances that are included in their harbor code.

Harbor Management

- Best Management Practices are posted in signs and are included in contracts with customers.
- Each year in May, the Port & Harbor Department holds Haines Customer Appreciation Day where information on clean harbors and best management practices is provided along with a lunch barbeque.
- Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor is a proud supporter of Alaska Clean Harbors, and looks to future outreach partnerships to encourage clean boating and best management practices.

Stormwater Management

- As part of harbor expansion plans, the Harbor staff are working to ensure vegetative buffers around the uplands to minimize stormwater runoff.
- All storm drains are stenciled to alert customers that runoff leads straight into the harbor/Lynn Canal without treatment.



New and existing signs at the Portage Cove Small Boat Harbor help inform customers of services, Best Management Practices, and harbor rules.