

BOAT MAINTENANCE SAFER CLEANING PRODUCTS

Many of the products which we use every day in our homes are safe in that environment. On our boats, however, where cleaners are discharged into the water without treatment, the same cleaners can be lethal to marine life.

While grease cutting detergents, scouring powders and bleaches clean well, all of these products are extremely toxic to marine organisms and have a negative impact on the water quality of Puget Sound.

It is illegal to discharge or allow to be discharged any pollutant. (Water Pollution Control Law, RCW 90.48.080) Pollutant is defined as anything that changes the chemical, physical or biological nature of the water it enters.

All soaps and detergents, even the biodegradable soaps and alternative cleaners listed in this Guide, are technically "pollutants." We provide the alternative products/cleaners listings to help you make informed choices to use less toxic cleaners, but be aware that no cleaner meets the legal requirements to enter our waterways.

Read the label. Look for the words "phosphate-free" and "non-toxic" on the label before you buy a cleaner. "Biodegradable" sounds good, but it doesn't necessarily mean that the product is non-toxic. If the label say "do not get in your eyes" or "wear gloves," these are probably not environmentally sensitive products.

Try it without soap. A quick fresh water rinse when you return to the dock will prevent the need for harsher cleaners and still keep your boat looking good.

Credit: <http://www.pugetsoundkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015-Boaters-Guide-FINAL.pdf>. Find many more useful and practical boating tips and resources at pugetsoundkeeper.org.

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPOSED RULES

State fishery managers are seeking public comments on sport-fishing rules for the saltwater areas of Puget Sound and the Washington coast. The public and department staff submitted 66 proposals this spring, 11 of the proposals have moved forward for additional review. The webpage has more information about the proposals as well as those not recommended for further consideration.

To review and comment on the proposed rules, visit [WDFW's webpage at http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/rule_proposals/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/rule_proposals/). **Comments will be accepted through Oct. 28.** For a hard copy of the proposed rules, please call (360) 902-2200.

2017 PROPOSED BUDGET SCHEDULE

September 12

Commission Workshop to Discuss:
2017 Budget Baseline Conditions
2017 Property Taxes
2017 Economic Development Budget

October 10

Commission Workshop to Discuss:
2017 Preliminary Operating Budget
2017 Preliminary Capital Budget
Public Comments

October 31

Discuss 2017 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets
Public Hearing

November 14

Approve 2017 Operating Budget
Approve 2017 Moorage Rates, Dry Storage Rates, and
Marina Operations Fees
Approve Budget Resolution
Approve 2017 Tax Levy
Bank Excess Levy Capacity
Approve 2017 Capital Budget

TOP 6 BOAT FIRE CAUSES

1. Issues with AC and DC wiring or appliances account for a total of 55 percent of boat fires, with the most common problem related to wires chafing. Shore power can also be a fire hazard, especially at the shore power inlet. Boat U.S. notes that electrical fires can be particularly difficult to extinguish since shorted wires can reignite even after fire extinguishers have been used. That's why boats must have a main battery switch and/or AC breaker to turn off the entire electrical system.
2. Engine/transmission overheating; Engine overheat, Turbocharger overheat, Transmission overheat, Backfire. Nearly a quarter of boat fires (24 percent) were started by propulsion systems overheating. Often, such fires simply smolder until someone opens the engine compartment and allows fresh air to enter, which feeds the fire. Keeping water intake lines and exhaust manifolds and risers free of obstructions, can prevent most overheating fires, Boat U.S. advises.
3. Fuel Leak. This might be the worst kind of fire to have on a boat. Many boats carry more than 100 gallons of gasoline onboard, and burning fuel can be hard to extinguish — 95 percent of fuel-related fires in BoatU.S.'s analysis were caused by gasoline. Typical problem areas are fuel lines, connections on the engine and leaking fuel tanks. The first warning sign is usually a gas smell that is easily detected. If you can smell gas, something is probably wrong. Diesel is not immune from igniting, either – one fire was started when a ruptured line sprayed fuel on a hot manifold.
4. Miscellaneous. Flares misdirected during a fishing tournament, anchoring in an unfortunate spot during a fireworks display, a child playing with matches and even a case of spontaneous combustion from linseed-soaked rags.
5. Unknown. Occasionally, investigators can't determine the cause of a fire. Sometimes, boats are completely destroyed and may sink, making finding the cause impossible.
6. Stove fires appear to be less common than in the past, BoatU.S. notes, likely due to fewer alcohol stoves being installed on new boats. One fire was started when a BoatU.S. member tried to light the stove and gave up because he couldn't see the flame. Unfortunately, he had succeeded, but didn't realize it until he got a call from the fire department. Only one fire was started by propane, when a portable stove fell off a counter and ignited a cushion. Read the entire article at <http://threesheetsnw.com/blog/2014/05/why-boats-catch-fire/>, credit Boat U.S.

FOUL WEATHER BLUFF RACE

Corinthian Yacht Club of Edmonds invites you to its 36th annual Foulweather Bluff Race, October 1st, 2016 PHRF membership is mandatory. The Skipper's meeting at Anthony's Beach Café will start at 8:00 AM.

For race instructions, print from the CYCE website: www.cycledmonds.org Contact: Reinhard Freywald 206-546-8289 reinhardhf@comcast.net

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PORT COMMISSION MEETINGS

September 12 ; September 26
Find agendas and minutes at <http://portofedmonds.org/about/port-commission/>