



Newsletter

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The Marina Office Has Moved!

Wondering where the Southport Marina Office has gone to? The marina office has moved from its current location and now resides in Suite 101 in the two-story Waterfront Office Suites. The old marina office is now housing Gregory Poole. And while Gregory Poole would love to see you, you can save time (and physical energy!) by visiting Suite 101 in the Waterfront Office Suites for all your slipholder needs!



10 Tips for Green Boating

In April of last year, we announced Southport Marina was going "green" by being awarded the title of "Clean Marina." To celebrate this achievement, below are ten ways you can stay eco-friendly while boating.



- 1. Prevent oily discharge from the bilge:** Keep your engine well tuned to prevent fuel and oil leaks. Place an oil absorbent pad or pillow under your engine where drips may occur and in your bilge. Check the pads often and dispose of them as hazardous waste at a marina or nearby collection center.
- 2. Spill-proof oil changes:** Use an oil change pump to transfer oil to a spill proof container. Wrap a plastic bag or absorbent pad around the oil filter to prevent oil from spilling into the bilge.
- 3. Spill-proof your fueling practices:** Prevent fuel spills by filling fuel tanks slowly and carefully and by using absorbent pads or rags to catch drips and spills. Don't "top off" or overflow your fuel tank and leave 5% empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms.
- 4. Do not add soap:** Never use soap to disperse fuel and oil spills. It increases harm to the environment, and it is illegal.
- 5. Minimize boat cleaning and maintenance in the water:** If possible, save maintenance projects for the boatyard. When performing work on the water minimize your impact by containing waste using tarps and vacuum sanders, and collect all drips and debris for proper disposal.
- 6. Reduce toxic discharges from bottom paints:** Minimize the discharge of heavy metals that come from soft-sloughing antifouling paints by using a hard, less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paint. Use only non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge. Remember, dry storage and reduces the need for antifouling paints and saves money.
- 7. Dispose of hazardous waste properly:** Dispose of paints, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters and other hazardous wastes at a hazardous waste collection facility or event. Recycle paints, batteries, oil, oil filters and antifreeze.
- 8. Plan ahead! Manage sewage wastes properly:** Never discharge sewage within 3 miles of shore. Use harbor pump-out stations and shore-side facilities. If you don't have an installed toilet, use a port-a-potty and empty it at harbor dump station or bathroom.
- 9. Stow it, do not throw it:** Keep your trash on board. Never throw cigarette butts, fishing line, or any other garbage into the ocean.
- 10. Reduce gray-water discharges:** Use a phosphate-free soap to minimize the impacts of greywater on the marine environment. Also minimize discharge by doing dishes and showers on shore whenever possible.

—Courtesy of the California Coastal Commission

Saturday, June 11th, 12-4pm

Celebrate



at

Southport Marina

- Slipholder Giveaway!
- Free Cook-Out
- Live Music
- Tiki Bar
- Hands On NC Aquarium Exhibit
- Coast Guard Demonstration



Holiday Hours

Southport Marina will be OPEN for the Easter holiday.

