

Marina Fire Prevention Guidelines

While marina employees can take preventative measures in public areas, they cannot prevent fires that occur within the individual boats. It is up to the marina management to foster an attitude of prevention and cleanliness for the overall safety of the marina. Hopefully this attitude will transfer to each individual slip holder.

- 1. Develop an addendum to the leasing contract that clearly spells out the marina fire prevention procedures for each boat owner.
- 2. Review the insurance policies for both the marina and boat owners. Audit your files regularly to ensure that these insurance certificates have not lapsed.
- 3. Post evacuation diagrams in public areas for tenants and guests.
- 4. Keep public areas clean—docks, parking lots, landscaping, offices, etc.
- **5.** Institute an electrical inspection program to ensure that all shore power cord sets are marine grade, in good condition and that all permanent electrical fixtures are maintained in prime working condition. Educate boat owners so they can recognize faulty or dangerous electrical equipment.
- Contact owners of boats that see little use or are rarely at the marina to check on them.Neglect breeds fire.
- **7.** Conduct special training sessions for boaters prior to the start of boating season to remind them of fueling procedures and at the end of the boating season to discuss safe winterizing.
- **8.** Take control. Enforce the fire safety procedures you have developed.

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