

# Environmental Policy

## THE COMPANY'S COMMITMENT

Killcare Marina provides valuable support to recreational boating by repairing and maintaining Vessels, and other services to the boating community. We pride ourselves in fostering a positive relationship with local residents.

Killcare Marina seeks to ensure that it can contribute to a high quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment and by supporting the concept of environmentally sustainable practices. The Marina operates under the auspices of an Environmental Management Plan since 2006. We are fully committed to improving Environmental Management across all of our operational activities and will encourage all *Marina Users* along with the wider community to join us in this effort.

We will strive to:

- Adopt the highest environmental standards and access our activities regularly. Reduce impact on air, land and water in a process of continuous improvement.
- Avoid and minimise waste and encourage the conservation, reuse and appropriate recycling of resources.
- Educate *Marina Users* in appropriate, effective and responsible environmental practice and encourage their involvement in our environmental action policies.
- Apply principles of risk management in order to pre-empt rather than respond to environmental problems. Always apply the "precautionary principle". Reduce risks from environmental, health or safety hazards for *Marina Users*.
- Include environmental and ethical considerations in investment decisions.
- Publicise our environmental position.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We all have a role to play in reducing the impact on the environment, you can help in a number of ways:

- **Responsibility.** All *Persons* on the *Premises* are expected to act in an environmentally responsible and safe manner and to cooperate with the Marina Staff.
- **Pollution.** It is the responsibility of the *Marina User* to comply with all of the relevant environmental laws and to recognise that all forms of pollution and contamination (including noise pollution) are prohibited on the *Premises*.
- **Noise.** The *Marina User* shall not cause or permit any undue noise or disturbance to emanate from the *Vessel*. Only activities which can be carried out within acceptable noise level can be conducted. These levels shall not exceed levels detailed by Gosford City Council. Any noise related work is not permitted after 1:00pm SATURDAY or on SUNDAYS or PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.
- **Use our Ship to Shore Sewage Pump Out facility.** The discharge of sewage from *Vessel* holding tanks can be carried out at the Pump Out station free of charge.

*Marina Users* are reminded that the discharging of untreated sewage in enclosed waters in NSW is illegal.

- **In-Water Hull Cleaning,** or any process that could remove antifouling paint from the *Vessel's* hull, is prohibited.
- Be aware of **fumes and odours** generated by *Vessels* and avoid the creation of fumes or odours.
- **Clean & Tidy.** All *Marina Users* must keep the *Premises* in a clean and tidy condition.
- **Refuelling** using portable fuel containers is not permitted.
- **Visual.** Please, avoid excessive lighting. No laundry or clothing shall be hung on or from the *Vessel*. Do not forget to apply brakes to wind generators.
- **Waste.** Disposal of any waste matter into the marine environment is strictly prohibited at all times. At no stage can any materials or substance be allowed to enter the marine environment. **Overboard Dumping** of any debris is not permitted. **Works** which allows debris to drop into the water are not permitted. **Washing Down** of materials generated from maintenance or repairs into the water is strictly prohibited.
- **Bilge Water, Sewage, Grey Water, Run Off** from washing *Vessels*, and other liquid wastes are not to be discharged into the marine environment.

*Marina Users* are reminded that the pumping of bilges in enclosed waters in NSW is illegal.

- **Harmful Waste.** All harmful wastes (like oil, oily waters and products, noxious liquids, drained oil filters, scrap metal including anodes, batteries, acids), fish cleaning waste and all other harmful waste must be removed directly from the *Vessel* to the approved storage facility. No such liquids are to be placed down the sewer.
- **Washing of Vessel.** *Persons* should wash *Vessels* **by hand** with water pressure. Care is to be taken to minimise the amount of run off. **Pressure Washing** is to be carried out on the *Boat Lift* only.
- **Pets. Wastage.** All *Persons* are required to clean up their pet's wastage immediately. **Pets. Rubbish.** All *Persons* are required to clean up any rubbish / dirt / items scattered by their pet.
- **Vessel Related Pollution.** All costs incurred in cleaning up spillages and in relation to any pollution are recoverable from the *Vessel Owner*. **Waste. A Fee** applies for waste removal.
- Do not let your children or visitors feed the birds or fish. Avoid damaging sea grasses around the Marina.
- Report suspicious fish (dead and alive). Report a plant or fish you haven't seen before that could be a pest.

If you think you have seen any of the marine or freshwater pest species, please either take a good quality digital photo, or collect a sample of the organism. If it's a fish, place it in a plastic bag and freeze it. If it's a seaweed, take the piece(s) home and carefully dry them between two sheets of blotting paper. Report the sighting to: DPI Aquatic Bio-security Unit ([aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au))