



Auxiliary Support of the Sea Partners Campaign

What is Sea Partners?

- Environmental education and outreach program
- Effort to reach target audiences as well as communities at large
- Pro-active, innovative aspect of Coast Guard compliance mission
- Focus on prevention





Goals of the Campaign

- Increase compliance with marine environmental protection laws and regulations through education
- Raise community awareness of marine pollution issues
- Help prevent discharge of marine pollutants
- Increase spill reporting



Messages

- Effect of oil, hazardous chemicals, waste and debris on the marine environment
- How marine environmental protection regulations apply to various marine users
- Ways groups and individuals can take action to protect the marine environment

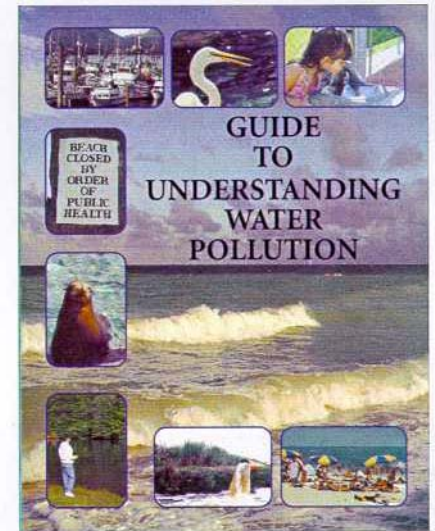
Goals of Auxiliary Support



- Include MEP information in PE classes, MDV's, VSC's, boat show booths
- Help support MSO outreach needs - *expand the reach!*

Training resources

- “Good Mate Manual”
- “Environmental Impacts of Recreational Boats”
- Officer Snook Program
- “Guide to Understanding Water Pollution”
- ANS Training Guide from ANSC
- Web resources: CG, EPA, Ocean Conservancy
- Experienced Sea Partners at the MSO





Primary pollution issues to address

- Marine debris
- Small spills
- Sewage
- Boat maintenance and operations
- Protection of wildlife, esp. endangered species
- Aquatic nuisance species
- Citizen reporting

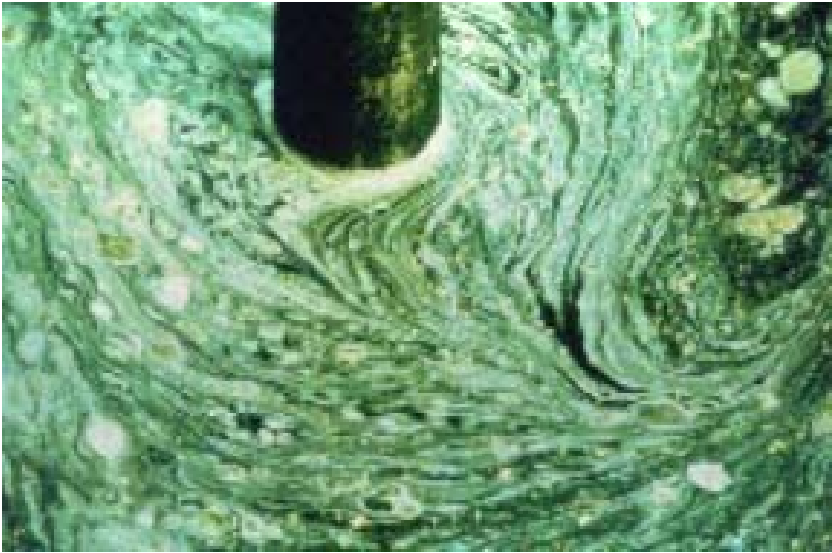
Marine debris

- Deadly to marine life, a hazard to boaters, economic liability for communities
- Problem has increased with development of more kinds of plastics
- Use dockside receptacles to dispose of trash from boat, including fishing line





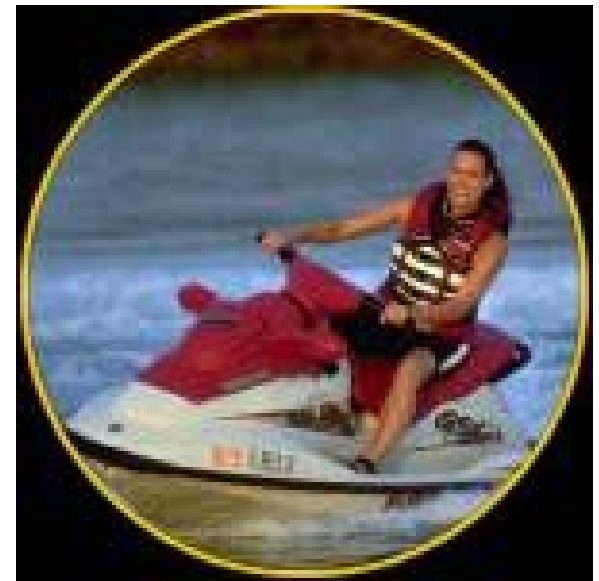
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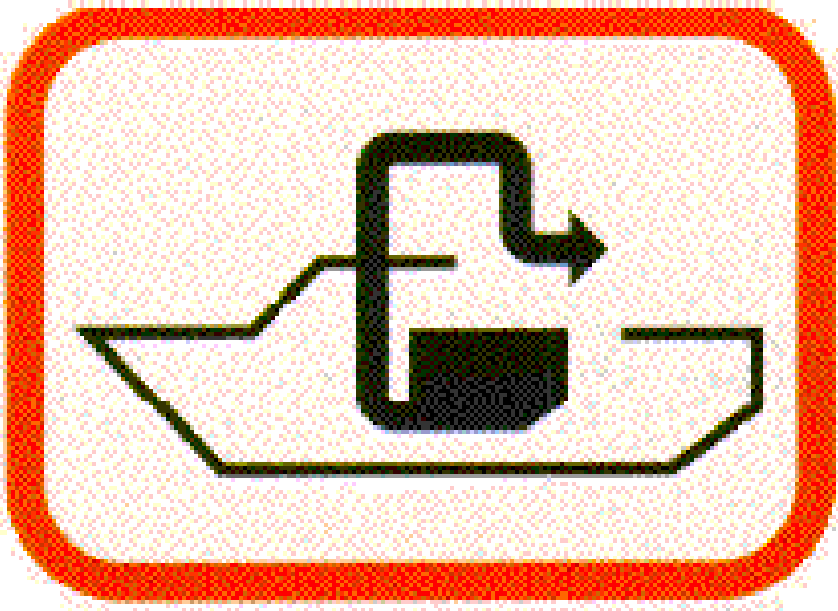
- A small amount of oil can contaminate a large area of water
- Encourage practices that avoid spills during fueling
- Keep engines tuned
- Recycle used oil
- Don't use dispersants

Boat maintenance & operations

- Protecting the water during cleaning, painting and maintenance
- Using environmentally-friendly products
- Cautious motoring and anchoring; avoiding wildlife; protecting SAV



Sewage



- Threat to public health
- MSD requirements
- Encourage use of pumpout stations
- Learn about “no-discharge” zones in your area

Protection of wildlife

- Teach boaters to avoid harassing, approaching or feeding marine mammals
- Respect coastal nesting areas



Exotic species



- Invasions of nonindigenous species cost states \$billions
- Learn about species particular to your region
- Recreational Activities Guidelines (FR, 12/28/00) provide specific info on preventing spread



Opportunities for outreach

- Boat shows
- Community water-theme festivals
- Special celebrations, such as Earth Day
- Sportsmen/camping/fishing shows
- Marina visits
- School visits; Scout groups & camps
- Guest speaker opportunities
- Public education classes
- Work with local MSO to develop strategy



Help in preparing presentations

- Sea Partners Train-the-Trainer Guide (outlines)
- Officer Snook “Hands-On, Minds-On” activity book
- Good Mate Teaching Guide



Outreach materials

- Videos
 - Good Mate boater video
 - Saving Inky
 - Our Playground, Their World
 - Malama Ana I Ke Kai
 - Guardians of the Sea
- Pamphlets, coloring books from ANSC MEP collection

Another way to help ...

Beach cleanups

- Become a site captain
- Recruit volunteers
- Organize the cleanup
- Make a difference!
- Contact your state ICC organizer through 1-800-262-BEACH



National Clean Boating Campaign

- Opportunity for a flotilla to organize a local event in conjunction with a national campaign
- Details at www.cleanboating.org
- '03 kickoff event: Boston, June 21





What the DSO can do

- Recruit interested Auxiliarists
- Make flotillas aware of training available
- Encourage inclusion of environmental information in PE classes and PA events
- Establish/nurture MSO contacts