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Zero Plastic Marina Partnership Checklist

Marina/Boatyard Name _____
Owner/Manager _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
Fax _____
Email _____
Submitted by _____

INTRODUCTION:

The Zero Plastic Marina initiative takes local action on plastic pollution through a partnership of DEM, the RI Marine Trades Association and marina operators to keep plastics out of Narragansett Bay and off our ocean coastlines. This initiative is a totally voluntary effort to educate, prevent pollution, encourage recycling and clean the coastline by keeping plastics out of the environment. A menu of 10 pollution prevention action items have been developed by this partnership to help marina owners commit to and implement this program. This commitment to action complements, but is much more local, specific and action oriented than the Clean Seas Pledge.

DIRECTIONS:

Use this form to conduct a self-assessment of your facility, and to guide you through the process of becoming certified as a Zero Plastic Marina Partner. Checking "Yes" on 7 out of the 10 action items qualifies your marina for Certification as a Zero Plastic Marina Partner.

Please return your completed check list to:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Customer and Technical Assistance
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
Attention: Zero Plastic Marina Partnership

10 Steps to a Zero Plastic Marina

Check appropriate box for each question below

Yes No N/A

1. **Designate a “Zero Plastics” Steward**
Having an effective Zero Plastics Steward should be the first thing you consider when planning your program.

What we did: _____

2. **Develop and Implement a Plan to Reduce Single-use Plastic Water Bottles**
On average, Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour and many of them end up in our local waterways.

What we did: _____

3. **Provide Water Refilling Stations in Public Areas**
Water refilling stations are a great way to encourage your staff and customers to drink more water in a sustainable fashion.

What we did: _____

4. **Eliminate Single-use Plastic Bags**
Many communities in Rhode Island are now banning single use plastic bags from stores and shops.

What we did: _____

5. **Provide Ample Opportunity for Recycling**
Well labeled bins located in convenient areas help point people in the right direction.

What we did: _____

6. **Post Responsible Signage**
Signs are vital to all aspects of your program and you have a great opportunity to make those signs sustainable.

What we did: _____

7. Provide Responsible Dinnerware
Discontinue use of polystyrene cups, plastic straws and containers at marina restaurants.

What we did: _____

8. Participate in a Shrink Wrap Recycling Program
Use and recycle shrink wrap efficiently to reduce waste.

What we did: _____

9. Organize or Sponsor a Shoreline Clean-up Event
Work with your local community, non-for-profit or a volunteer group.

What we did: _____

10. Install a Trash Skimmer
Trash skimmers reduce marine debris and generates public awareness about the types of debris found in the water.

What we did: _____

Please tell us anything else you have done to get to zero plastic waste.

Note: We encourage attaching pictures of any best practices and what you did to meet the action items noted above. For example, pictures of your water refilling stations, signs, shoreline clean-up events, and trash skimmers are strongly encouraged.