

> BUILDING A DOCK? MAKE IT SALMON FRIENDLY

Over water structures shade eelgrass and affect salmon behaviour, so it's best to avoid creating more. See if you can share with a neighbor, and if that's not possible, build a salmon friendly dock using nontoxic materials and decking that allows light through.

> PLAN YOUR BOAT'S RETIREMENT

All good things come to an end, and for boats planning that end is essential to protecting the environment. Abandoned boats can become navigational hazards, leak contaminants, and move with the currents, scouring sensitive habitats and washing ashore as they go.

If you find an abandoned boat, report it!

Call Canadian Coast Guard: Wrecked, abandoned or hazardous vessels
1-800-889-8852

Find **more tips** to reduce your environmental footprint on our online **Tool Kit!**



Do you use the Tool Kit? Let us know how you have used the Tool Kit tips in your daily life! Write to ksheehan@psf.ca, and include a photo or two!

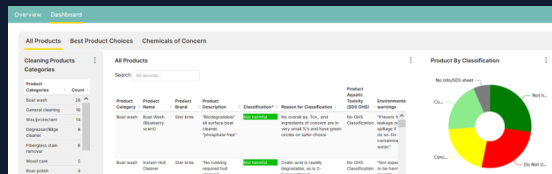


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FIND SAFE BOATING PRODUCTS

Did you know that many products for maintaining and cleaning boats are harmful to aquatic environments?

We have made a searchable database of boating products to help you find safer options.



Search by the type of product you are after (e.g. boat wash, wax, fiberglass stain remover, bilge cleaner) and find which ones do not have harmful ingredients.

Access the database here:



Pro Tip! Avoid products with this symbol. This symbol is part of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) and indicates aquatic toxicity.

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Minimizing your impact while out on the water keeps habitats healthy and the water clean reducing the **collective pressures** salmon face.

RESILIENT COASTS FOR SALMON



TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE BOATING

> WASH ON LAND WHEN POSSIBLE

Grey water, the water that goes down the drain while washing up, will impact the nearshore environment if it is discarded straight into the water. The best option is to wash on land at a marina where dishwashing and showering facilities exist so that water with soaps and detergents will get processed by municipal treatment plants or pass through a septic system.

> USE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS

Use a soap that is readily biodegradable and phosphate-free. Soaps that make lots of suds often have surfactants that stick around in the water and are harmful for aquatic species. Surfactants are known to cause a suite of problems for fish including gill damage, vision impairment, and reproduction issues. Phosphate is a nutrient that can contribute to ecosystem disruptive algal blooms. Also, avoid products that contain chlorine and petroleum distillates as these can harm aquatic life.

> WATCH WHERE YOU ANCHOR

Avoid anchoring in sensitive habitats like eelgrass meadows, which are important nursery habitat for juvenile salmon. You can avoid eelgrass by anchoring in waters deeper than 7 m.

> PAINT SAFELY AND WITH NON-TOXIC PAINTS (OR AVOID PAINTING)

Avoid using anti-fouling paints that contain highly toxic ingredients such as copper pesticides. Instead, manually de-foul by scrubbing as needed or prevent fouling with dry storage. If you must paint your boat, try paints that are biocide-free silicone-based. Always using drop sheets to help collect any residual products or paint from entering the ocean and properly dispose of your leftover paint.

> PUMP OUT PROPERLY

Sewage waste contains concentrated nutrients, chemicals, and pathogens - all of which have serious environmental, human health, and economic consequences. It's also against the law to release sewage within 3 nautical miles of shore and sewage can never be discharged in rivers or lakes. Be familiar with where pump out locations are, there are map resources such as ahoybc.com/directory-map/ to help.



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> BE RESPONSIBLE WITH WASTE

Plan ahead! Bins may not always be available, especially in remote areas, be prepared to pack out all of your waste. Remove extra packaging before you go to minimize what you have to stow and keep waste items secure so that they don't accidentally blow or wash off the boat.

> FUEL UP CAREFULLY

Fuel, oils, and all petroleum products used to power and maintain your boat are highly toxic to salmon, other fish, seabirds, shellfish, and, really, everything in the sea. Take it slow to prevent any fuel or oil from entering the water. Keep an oil-absorbent rag on hand and always have a spill kit on board for emergencies. Report spills immediately (1-800-OILS-911).

> AVOID SPREADING INVASIVES

Invasive species can easily be transferred from one body of water to another. The Invasive Species Council of British Columbia (ISCBC) recommends you "Clean Drain Dry" your boat thoroughly.



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