



# Safety Matters

Creating a safe environment

Carters Cove Marina - 347 Carters Cove Dr. - Weems, Virginia 22576

## Keep Things Safe Around the Marina

Creating a safe environment around the marina is no accident. Each employee must do his or her part to ensure things are done safely and unnecessary hazards are eliminated.

### Fueling

Gas offered on the water creates a big draw for a marina, but it can also lead to problems if fueling is handled incorrectly. When dealing with fuel near the water, remember to:

- Make sure the boat engine is stopped and any lighting or cooking devices are turned off before fueling. Also check that none of the boat's occupants are smoking.
- Make sure all compartments, covers and hatches are closed before fueling. After fueling, open them up to release any vapors.
- Always remove portable fuel tanks from the boat and fill them on the dock.
- Always keep the container nozzle within the tank while filling.
- Always inform your Spill Manager and begin proper clean up procedures immediately if there is a fuel spill.

### Swimming

Heavy boat traffic, electrical currents from damaged power sources and possible fuel leaks are just some of the dangers that harbors and marinas present to swimmers. Keep people safe by keeping them out of the water.

- Ensure that "no swimming" signs are posted and visible.
- Warn boaters of the risks involved with swimming in the area.

- If someone is swimming, ask them to exit the water for their own safety.

### Electrical Hookups

Many boats make use of marina-supplied power while docked. If improperly used, power sources can not only create a fire hazard but also a chance to pass electrical currents into the surrounding water.

- Only connect to power sources using cords approved for marine use. Never use regular extension cords.
- Use cords that allow enough slack for boat movement.
- Never use damaged cords.
- Never leave unused chords plugged into power sources.

### Docking

Maneuvering around the marina can be a tight fit. If you are moving boats around the area or bringing one in to dock for a customer, keep these tips in mind:

- Whether traveling in forward or reverse, never operate above an idle.
- If the wind, current or your own speed is hampering your landing attempt, pull back out and try again as needed.
- Put out any fenders or bumpers to protect the boat from hitting the pier while docked.

### Stay Aware

Make the marina a safer place by always being on the lookout for potential hazards. If you see something that may present a problem, inform your supervisor of your concerns immediately.

**Always be on the lookout for ways you can eliminate possible dangers and increase safety around the marina.**