

# Workshop Launches Clean Marina Program

**T**he New Jersey Clean Marina Program was officially launched in late March when a special workshop was held to introduce the program to the marina industry, public and press. The New Jersey Clean Marina Program is a voluntary program that encourages marina operators and recreational boaters to protect coastal water quality by engaging in environmentally sound operating and maintenance practices that will help implement measures to minimize non-point source pollution from sources such as oil, grease, paint and cleaning chemicals, sediment, fish waste, and other discharges from boats.

The workshop, held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Atlantic City West outlined how the Program works and how marinas can get involved.

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According to Michael Danko, Workshop Coordinator, "In addition to providing marina owners and operators with a comprehensive guide to regulations and best man-

agement practices the program will also give recognition to marinas that have taken additional steps to protect our waterways".

For more information on the New Jersey Clean Marina Program or visit [www.njcleanmarina.org](http://www.njcleanmarina.org) or contact Michael Danko at 732-872-1300 ext. 29 or [mdanko@njmsc.org](mailto:mdanko@njmsc.org).



*Nearly 50 marina owners attended the Clean Marina Workshop this spring.*



*Marina owners who took the pledge at the Clean Marina Workshop included: Spencer Hondro – Spencer's Bayside Marina, Ed Harrison – Baywood Marina, Dawn Giombetti – Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, Tom Learning – Learning's Marine, Gary Theno – Hidden Mill Marine Center, Frank Belz – Waterfront Marine, David DiPaolo – Riverbank Marina, Brian Tersaga – All Seasons Marina, Leonard Dagit – Anchorage Poynte Marina. Not pictured: Sal Calabrese – Blue Water Marina, Brian Hall – Dillons' Creek Marina, Gerard Rokosz – Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club.*