



**S**ome non-profit organizations operate tax deductible boat donation programs for boats in good repair. Some organizations to consider include: American Lung Association, Connecticut Chapter, (800) LUNGUSA; University of Rhode Island Foundation, (401) 874-5273; Connecticut River Museum, (860) 767-8269.

## Potential Environmental Impacts:

Sunken or abandoned vessels can pose environmental and safety risks by leaking oil and fuel in a concentrated area. They can also cause navigational and safety hazards. If boats are properly disposed of before they become unseaworthy, the chances that the vessel will become an environmental risk are reduced.

Do you want to get rid of your boat but are unable to trade it in? Cutting it up and burning or incinerating the boat is not a legal option and may actually be dangerous. Open burning is regulated under Connecticut General Statute 22a-174(f) and incineration is regulated under the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Due to the antifungal and other additives in the paints on the hulls of many boats many hazardous air pollutants would be released during the open burning or incineration of a boat. Illegal burning of materials subjects individuals to fines and/or imprisonment under Connecticut General Statute 23-48.

## Legal Requirements:

- Dispose of boats at a permitted solid waste landfill or transfer station [CGS § 22a-207b, 208a, 248, 250].
- The burning of vessels, otherwise being disposed of, or their framing is unlawful. Violators of the Connecticut General Statutes or Air Regulations promulgated under Chapter 446c of the Connecticut General Statutes may incur fines and/or imprisonment.

## Best Management Practices:

- ✦ Empty the boat's fuel tanks and reuse or dispose of used gasoline as hazardous waste.
- ✦ Remove and recycle the following boat parts and fluid:
  - used oil
  - used antifreeze
  - boat engine (recycle as scrap metal)
  - any metal with reuse value, such as lead, zinc, aluminum
  - refrigerants
- ✦ Remove all mercury containing devices (i.e., some electronic equipment, bilge pump switches, old ship's barometers) and handle as hazardous waste. If removed by the boater, the mercury containing devices can be managed as household hazardous waste. Otherwise, see Appendix B for information on hazardous waste management.
- ✦ Reduce the size of the hull into smaller pieces as directed by the solid waste facility. The smaller the pieces, the easier it is for the facility to take. Measures should be taken during this process to control fugitive dust. Many marine products contain toxic materials that may become airborne.
- ✦ Abandoned boats may be sold. The procedure is described in CGS §15-140c, and CGS §49-55a and 55b. Call CT-DEP's Boating Division at (860) 434-8638 for more information.

## Checklist for Clean Marina Certification:

There are no Clean Marina certification criteria specific to boat disposal.