

# Guilford Boat Yards

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## Spring Newsletter 2008

### **Boating Course**

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will give America's Boating Course on Tuesday May 27, and Thursday May 29, 2008 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Guilford Boat Yards. Course fee is \$65.00. Please call 453-5031 to register. Every resident who operates a boat in CT must have a Safe Boating Certificate.

### **CLEAN MARINA**

In December 2006 we signed the CT Clean Marina pledge, our first step towards certifying our facility as a CT Clean Marina. As part of our commitment to improve our environmental practices we have changed the way we handle paint, oil, and boat cleaning and we are asking our customers to help. We have placed covered garbage cans in the yard; please use the cans. We now require all sanding be done with a "dustless" sander. We have 3 sanders available for rent by the hour. If you are scraping the bottom you must put down a drop cloth or tarp and collect all the paint chips, bag, and bring to us.

### **On Line Store**

We have added an on line boating store to our web site [www.guilfordboat.com](http://www.guilfordboat.com). So when we are closed you can visit our web site click on the **On Line Boating Store** and search for boat accessories and electronics. To pick up your items at the store and save shipping charges just email your list to us at [boatyard@cshore.com](mailto:boatyard@cshore.com). Or give us a call and we will be glad to order your items. We are also working to add Mercury Parts Express to our web site to give our mercury and Mercruiser owners the ability to look up and order parts on line.

### **Federal Clean Water Permit**

The Clean Boating Act of 2008 S.2766, which would permanently restore a longstanding exemption for recreational boaters from the federal and state requirements under the Clean Water Act, has been introduced in the Senate. Please call or write your Senator asking them to support and pass this bill before the court mandated September 2008 deadline so you would not be required to apply for an expensive permit.

### **Service Shop**

Congratulations to Jim Duhaime who achieved Mercury Outboard Master Mechanic (one of the few in CT) this winter with over 25 years of service school.

### **Boat Rentals**

We are adding a Triumph 190 Bay powered by a 115 HP Mercury OptiMax to our rental fleet this spring. Please call early to make your reservations; we expect a very busy rental season.

### **FREE Goodies**

We have the 2008 **MERCURY fishing calendar** available in the store. Great boating pictures and the fish symbols show you the best fishing days each month. Our 2008 Marine Discount Catalog and our 2008 Electronics Catalog with great prices on boat supplies and electronics are also available in the store.

### **Ladder Safety**

To keep everyone safe we now request that any ladder used in the Boat Yard have a legible safety label. Please lock up your ladder or take it home. Be sure you have a solid footing for your ladder when you use it and tie the ladder to your boat so it does not slide and leave you stranded. We have removed the old ladders without safety labels we found in the yard this winter.

### **RECYCLING**

We will accept for recycling:  
Batteries (12 volt)  
Engine oil (no water or antifreeze)  
Metal- aluminum, S.S. & steel  
Clean glass food and drink containers  
Clean corrugated cardboard  
Clean #1 and #2 plastic bottles  
Deposit Plastic bottles and aluminum cans

Guilford does not accept water bottles or beverage containers other than # 1 and #2 for recycling at this time.

### **Life Jackets**

**New Special Life Jacket**  
Requirements in CT went into effect in January 2007. From October 1 to May 31 all persons on board manually propelled vessels **must wear** a life jacket. Canoes, kayaks, dinghies, jon boats and rowboats are included. We have many life jackets from infant to fitted adult available for sale in the ships store.