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Port of Dubuque Marina Receives Clean Marina Certification

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Port of Dubuque Marina has been designated a “Certified Clean Marina” for its environmentally clean facilities and compliance of best practices in protecting waterways from pollution.

In December 2014, City of Dubuque staff partnered with the Wisconsin Marine Association (WMA) to achieve certification since Iowa does not have a clean marina certification process. To become a Certified Clean Marina, facilities must pass an on-site inspection that verifies adoption of all required practices. Examples of good management practices include preventing and cleaning up fuel spills, reducing hazardous waste generation, proper chemical storage and disposal, recycling waste, managing stormwater, and improving vessel maintenance practices.

Benefits of the Certified Clean Marina designation include recognition as an environmentally responsible business, cost savings, fewer pollutants, and a safer facility for employees, contractors, and patrons. A certificate and flag will be presented at the next WMA Conference in December 2015. City staff will schedule a presentation to the City Council in January 2016.

The Port of Dubuque Marina is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend through October and features 70 transient boat slips with water and electrical connections, a fuel dock, sanitary pump-out facilities, landside amenities, and a ship store. For more information, visit www.portofdubuquemarina.com.

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