

# THE Best Clean Marine BC Facility

**R**ecreational boating and environmental sustainability don't often appear in the same sentence, but that's not the case for the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club.

In April of 2016, the club was certified by the Georgia Strait Alliance's award-winning Clean Marine BC program, making it the first boating facility in the Southern Gulf Islands to be recognized for its commitment to environmentally sustainable operations.

Clean Marine BC is a voluntary eco-certification program that demonstrates a commitment to environmental best practices by yacht clubs, marinas, harbour authorities and boatyards that reduce and/or eliminate contaminants from entering our waters.



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Salt Spring Island Sailing Club member Julie van Soeren, left, and Karen Laidlaw, fleet captain of cruising, proudly display a sign designating their club as a Clean Marine BC eco-rated marina.



**We are a cooperative sailing organization, and our membership values not only fostering and promoting interest in cruising and sailing but encouraging the responsible management and use of our waters.**

— ERIC VAN SOEREN  
past commodore of the SSISC

## CLEAN MARINE BC POLICY

- Eliminate the release of contaminants to the water column, both directly and indirectly.
- Minimize the release of pollutants to the atmosphere.
- Avoid contamination of the ground.
- Adopt waste reduction, reuse and recycling strategies.
- Optimize energy and water conservation.
- Promote good environmental practices to all parties.
- Abide by and, where possible, exceed the requirements of all relevant legislation.

**Did You Know?**

- The Salt Spring Island Sailing Club is only the 23rd facility — among yacht clubs, marinas, boatyards and harbour authority docks — to get Clean Marine BC certification. Approximately 700,000 recreational boaters ply B.C. waters, many of them in the southern coast region.