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**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND MUNICIPAL MARINA IS THE LATEST GEM TO
JOIN FLORIDA'S CLEAN MARINAS**

~Environmental commitment a top priority for marina~

TREASURE ISLAND – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), together with the *Clean Boating Partnership*, today recognized the City of Treasure Island Municipal Marina as the 213th member of the Florida *Clean Marina* program, and the 23rd *Clean Marina* in Pinellas County. The program, which recognizes marinas and boatyards for their commitment to the protection of Florida's natural resources, now boasts 213 *Clean Marinas*, 31 *Clean Boatyards* and 10 *Clean Marine Retailers* statewide.

"Florida has more than 2,000 marinas, and facilities such as the City of Treasure Island Municipal Marina play an important role in the protection of our waterways and marine resources," said Deborah Getzoff, Director of DEP's Southwest District Office. "This marina has taken the initiative to preserve the state's natural resources and lead the boating industry by example."

The Florida *Clean Marina* program is a voluntary designation program with a proactive approach to environmental stewardship. To become designated as a *Clean Marina*, facilities must implement a set of environmental measures designed to protect Florida's waterways. These measures address critical environmental issues such as sensitive habitat, waste management, stormwater control, spill prevention and emergency preparedness.

"The City of Treasure Island is truly honored to have been awarded the *Clean Marina* Designation by the State of Florida," said Cathy Hayduke, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Treasure Island. "As a coastal community it is important to provide clean, safe and accessible boating facilities for our residents and guests."

The *Clean Boating Partnership* is a consortium of industry leaders who contribute time and input to the *Clean Marina*, *Clean Boatyard*, *Clean Marine Retailer* and *Clean Boater* programs which DEP administers to protect Florida's waterways. The partnership includes DEP, Marine Industries Association of Florida, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, University of Florida Sea Grant Program, United States Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

"The *Clean Boating Partnership* applauds the City of Treasure Island Municipal Marina for its commitment to Florida's environment," said the Partnership's Chair Mark Leslie. "The dedication and hard work in becoming a *Clean Marina* is an accomplishment this

facility can be proud of and we welcome it to our growing *Clean Marina* family.

With more than one million registered motorized vessels in Florida, environmental education within marine industries is the first step toward safeguarding the state's natural resources. By providing green education and alternatives the Florida *Clean Marina* program helps ensure a sustainable future for the environment and a billion dollar marine industry. For more information about the Florida *Clean Marina* program, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/cleanmarina.

DEP's Office of Sustainable Initiatives is comprised of three voluntary, non-regulatory programs that assist Florida industry and citizens in protecting the environment. The Florida *Clean Marina* program, the *Clean Vessel* Act grant program and the Florida *Green Lodging* program offer a variety of services including on-site assessments, consultations, speakers and workshops, all at no cost to citizens or organizations. The goal of the Sustainable Initiatives programs is to meet the needs of the present population without compromising resources for future generations. To learn more about DEP's Sustainable Initiatives, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/green.