



Boater Waste Workgroup Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 1:00 PM
GBF Conference Room

I. Welcome + Introduction

- a. Meeting began at 1:02 PM in GBF's conference room
- b. Nate, Kaitlin, and Sarah introduced themselves to BWW members

II. Bacteria Plan Update

- a. Nate mentioned that GBF was awarded funding for one year (September 2016 – September 2017) from GBEP through the Texas Coastal Watershed Program to pursue implementation measures for and continue working on the Bacteria Plan, though no more details were discussed since TCWP and GBEP are still finalizing the contract.

III. No Discharge Zone (20 minutes)

- a. GBF is moving forward with putting together a petition to submit to TCEQ to designate Galveston Bay as a No Discharge Zone, and right now is working to determine who will review the application, who will submit letters of support, and how boaters will be impacted by the designation. More information will be sent to the BWW members, along with a draft letter of support, once GBF learns who at TCEQ will review the petition.

IV. Pump Don't Dump/Dockwalker Update (15 minutes)

- a. The Pump Don't Dump Campaign has had some success on social media, with 26,047 people reached, 138 reactions, and 56 shares over a 10-post campaign this summer.
- b. GBF and workgroup members discussed potential outreach events over the next quarter that PDD could be represented at, including the Southwest International Boat Show in September and the Lakewood Yacht Club's Harvest Moon Regatta in October, and members agreed to email Nate if they thought of any additional venues or events.
- c. GBF will be hosting a presentation on the 2016 dockwalker program by the Water Quality Outreach Intern Kelsey McGraw, which is open to all members of the workgroup who would like to attend. A summary of her key findings will be distributed along with meeting minutes to the workgroup.

V. Cease the Grease Campaign (15 minutes)

- a. GBF reviewed current progress and plans for the Cease the Grease campaign, including logo and messaging revisions, oil recycling, and partner engagement. Workgroup members agreed that the best way to get apartment complexes involved with oil recycling stations would be to partner with restaurants close by who currently participate in FOG recycling, though sometimes not all restaurants and oil haulers actually follow through on their supposed FOG recycling.

- b. Members of the workgroup mentioned that assisted living or daycare centers may also be worthwhile audiences to target, since they tend to have a lot of “disposal” materials that are not properly disposed of.

VI. GBAN and WQ Monitoring Update(15 minutes)

- a. Update on status of GBAN website and mobile app
- b. GBF recently signed a contract with Vertices to develop a mobile-based GBAN app, which we will begin beta testing within three – four months. Sarah brought up the idea of adding an air pollution category to GBAN, which was well-received by the workgroup.
- c. GBF is pursuing funding to continue and implement our Water Quality Action Plan and better connect local stakeholders with our water quality and bacteria data.

VII. Conclude (10 minutes)

- a. Some members of the workgroup wanted to discuss oil and fuel collection at marinas, since GBF had previously reached out to these groups to get a sense of if more collection facilities could be established for these materials to reduce the dumping of oil and fuel. Basically, dumping of these materials is not a significantly large problem at most marinas. Fuel collection is heavily regulated, and many boats do not purposefully discharge or dump fuel/oil. The biggest problem with these materials just comes from accidental leaks, something which establishing more collection containers at docks would not solve.
- b. Nate asked workgroup if there were any additional sources of pump-out funds for marinas other than the Clean Vessel Act money. Aside from applying for grant funding through agencies like GBEP or CMP, there aren't any other sources of funds specifically for pump-out maintenance and construction. The workgroup mentioned that since CVA funds are reimbursable, many marinas don't go after them because they can't afford to put up the money upfront. They also mentioned that SEP funds may be a good source for pump-out maintenance dollars.
- c. The next meeting will be Monday, November 7th, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at GBF's offices.

VIII. Adjourn