



**Upper Gulf Coast Oyster Waters TMDL Implementation Plan  
Boater Waste Workgroup Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, December 11, 2013 3:00 PM  
GBF Conference Room**

**Participants:** Mary Carrier (TPWD – Boater Safety Education), Angela McDowell (GCHD), Lori Fitz Simmons-Evans (GCHD), Scott Tuma (City of League City), Dewayne Hollin (Clean Marina/MAT), Lynda Hall (Lakewood Yacht Club), Charlene Bohanon (GBF)

**Welcome**

- Introductions – Mary Carrier (new member for TPWD)

**2013 Activity Summary:** Ms. Bohanon shared that during the last grant cycle (October 2011 – March 2013) the campaign reached over 560,000 people through print and digital media and over 284,000 people at 42 live events (workshops, presentation, booths, etc.). The GBAN web application was created and launched and people are eager to learn about it. GBF has learned that the site needs to have a mobile component, the form needs to be a little faster to fill out, and we need to link it directly to the authorities so it is easier for citizens to get them the information. The AquaKids Family Program for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their favorite adult was created and launched in partnership with Pelican Rest Marina in June 2013 with 30 kids and 30 adults in attendance. Participants were taught about types and sources of water pollution, how nature helps keep the water clean, and how each of them can help at home. GBF's Volunteer Bacteria Lab was setup and sampling has taken place for almost a year. Volunteers bring their samples to the lab and a Certified Volunteer Lab Assistant receives, processes, and analyzes them. The volunteer Water Monitoring Team continues to grow and GBF is trying to recruit monitors for the eastern side of the bay and west end of Galveston Island. The College Research Experience launched in the summer of 2013 and we hosted a masters student from TAMUG to conduct a bacteria study in Marina Del Sol. Ms. Bohanon explained the results and showed the workgroup the student's final research poster, which can be found on the GBF website. A Clean Vessel Committee with representation from all major enforcement agencies, boater safety education organizations, marina managers, MAT, and CLMA was successfully formed and met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This group has started coming up with a collaborative plan for addressing illegal boat sewage discharges through outreach and enforcement. Ms. Bohanon will be meeting with individual committee members to discuss their roles. The committee will reconvene in 6 months to discuss their progress and next steps.

**I-Plan Comments to Address**

- Additions
  - Ms. Bohanon went over the key additions that were made to the I-Plan in order to get feedback from the Workgroup. These additions include a summary of applicable boat sewage codes; map with marinas, pump-out facilities, and current NDZ; clarify language about MDS equipment (y-valve vs. discharge valve); added new responsible parties to include stakeholders that joined the Clean Vessel Committee to work on collaborative outreach and enforcement efforts
- Questions
  - What is our goal for adding pump-out stations?

- The workgroup identified locations on Clear Lake and Galveston Bay that they recommend install pump-out station based on the number and size of boats housed there and/or its navigability. These include Bal Harbor Marina, Blue Dolphin Yachting Center, Clear Lake Marine Center, Kemah Boardwalk Marina, Watergate Yachting Center, Payco Marina, Pelican Rest Marina, Surfside Marina, Blue Marlin Fuel Dock, Star Fleet Yachts
- Concentration target vs. load reduction
  - Agencies recommend concentration limits/targets vs. reductions and stakeholders are OK with this change because they believe it is more accurate given the project area

### **Summary**

- Bravos for the Bay – January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm, Texas Corinthian Yacht Club
- Action items for next meeting
- Next meeting – TBA

### **Adjourn**