



**S**ome non-profit organizations operate tax deductible boat donation programs for boats in good repair. Some organizations to consider include: American Lung Association, Connecticut Chapter, (800) LUNGUSA; University of Rhode Island Foundation, (401) 874-5273; Connecticut River Museum, (860) 767-8269.

## Potential Environmental Impacts:

Sunken or abandoned vessels can pose environmental and safety risks by leaking oil and fuel in a concentrated area. They can also cause navigational and safety hazards. If boats are properly disposed of before they become unseaworthy, the chances that the vessel will become an environmental risk are reduced.

## Legal Requirements:

- Dispose of boats at a permitted solid waste landfill or transfer station [CGS §§22a-207b, 208a, 248, 250].
- Removal of derelict vessels which are resting on the bottom waterward of the high tide line requires prior authorization from CT-DEP [CGS §22a-363b(5)]. Contact CT-DEP's OLISP at (860) 424-3034 for more information.

## Best Management Practices:

- ✦ Empty the boat's fuel tanks and reuse or dispose of used gasoline as hazardous waste.
- ✦ Remove and recycle the following boat parts and fluid:
  - used oil
  - used antifreeze
  - boat engine (recycle as scrap metal)
  - any metal with reuse value, such as lead, zinc, aluminum
  - refrigerants
- ✦ Remove all mercury containing devices (i.e., some electronic equipment, bilge pump switches, old ship's barometers) and handle as hazardous waste. If removed by the boater, the mercury containing devices can be managed as household hazardous waste. Otherwise, see Appendix B for information on hazardous waste management.
- ✦ Reduce the size of the hull into smaller pieces as directed by the solid waste facility. The smaller the pieces, the easier it is for the facility to take.
- ✦ Abandoned boats may be sold. The procedure is described in CGS §15-140c, and CGS §49-55a and 55b. Call CT-DEP's Boating Division at (860) 434-8638 for more information.

## Checklist for Clean Marina Certification:

No Clean Marina certification criteria specific to boat disposal.