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Mitchell Creek Marina set to fly 'Clean Marina' flag

NASHVILLE, TENN., (May 23, 2010) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District supports marina operators and owners who are voluntarily striving to protect the water resources of the Cumberland River Basin by going "clean and green." On Friday, June 3, 2011 at 1 p.m., the Corps, its partners, and Mitchell Creek Marina celebrate as the marina receives the coveted flag to designate them as a "Clean Marina."

The Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Partnership (CRBCMP) is a voluntary program implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District and its watershed partners to promote environmentally responsible marina and boating practices. This program, established in support of the National Clean Boating Campaign, helps marina operators protect the very resource that provides them with their livelihood: clean water. It is designed as an ongoing program to reduce water pollution and erosion in the Cumberland River watershed. The effort encourages boater education, coordination among state agencies and better communication of existing laws, and offers incentives for creative and proactive marina operators.

The program has established a list of seven management measures that are identified as priorities in order for the marina to fly the flag of a "Clean Marina". These criteria include: sewage management; fuel control; solid waste, petroleum recycling & disposal; vessel operation, maintenance, and repair; marina siting, design, and maintenance; storm water management & erosion control; and public education.

Mitchell Creek Marina joins the distinguished list of honorees that have received certification as a Clean Marina. The steps to becoming a designated Clean Marina are straightforward, beginning with a pledge, which is a commitment to controlling pollution and erosion at their facility and promoting water-protective behavior with the boating public.

In March of 2005, Dale Hollow's Willow Grove Marina was the first facility in the Nashville District to achieve the status of a "Clean Marina". Since then, Sunset Marina at Dale Hollow Lake and three other marinas within the district have also achieved the coveted status. The benefits of achieving "Clean Marina" designation are many. By participating, marinas demonstrate their commitment to addressing water quality issues.

The public is invited to share in Mitchell Creek Marina's Clean Marina celebration on Friday, June 3, at 1 p.m. located on the dock at Mitchell Creek Marina, Allons, Tenn. The Marina is located at 1260 Livingston Boat Dock Road. Please join us as we raise and fly the Clean Marina flag over Mitchell Creek Marina. For more information contact Sondra Carmen at 931-243-3136.

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