



ALASKA BOATERS TIP SHEET

What to do if you have a Spill?

Be prepared:

Practice clean and safe fueling and oil changing techniques.

Carry a supply of absorbent pads and know where your harbors response materials are located.

Have the National Response Center telephone number onboard your vessel: 1-800-424-8802.

Immediately after the spill:

- ◆ Extinguish all flames or sources of ignition.
- ◆ Turn off your engines and other motors.
- ◆ If possible and it is safe, stop the source of the spill.
- ◆ If gasoline is spilled, clear the area and keep others away.
- ◆ Notify the fueling station and the harbormaster.
- ◆ As the law requires, notify the National Response Center and the nearest Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation office. (in most cases, they only want to ensure you are taking adequate steps to clean up the spill.)

For Small Spills –

- ◆ Use absorbent pads to collect oil and diesel fuel; contain the pads and keep them from floating away. Don't attempt to collect gasoline.
- ◆ Use personal protective equipment to keep oil off you. Rubber gloves and boots, eye protection.
- ◆ If the spill is inside your boat, take precautions to not track the oil onto the docks.
- ◆ Collect the oiled pads and place them in double lined plastic bags, and dispose of them as hazardous waste.

If it is a large spill –

- ◆ Use caution and ensure safety of yourself and your crew.
- ◆ Have information on the amount of oil spilled.
- ◆ Know your local resources for responding to oil spills. Many communities have containment boom and other equipment available.
- ◆ Get help. ADEC may provide references for contractors to assist in any large clean-up operations.

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