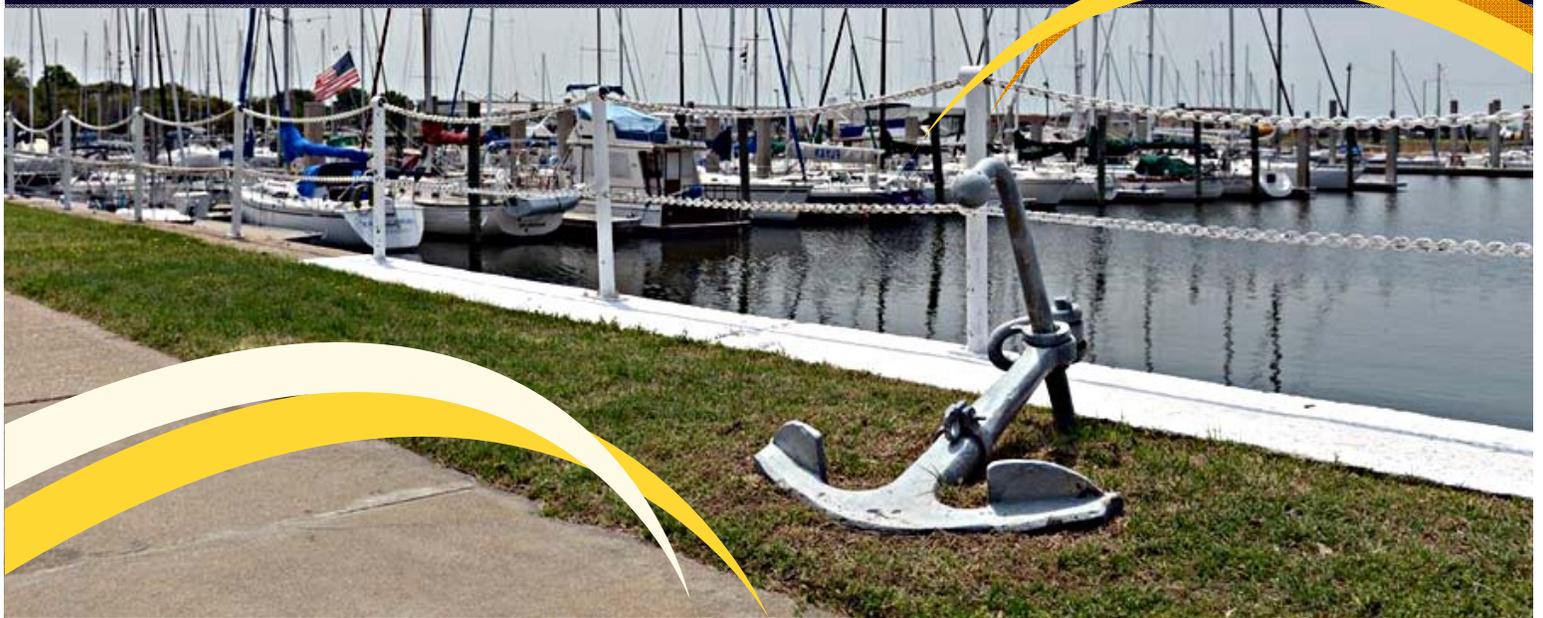


Norfolk Naval Sailing Center and Marina

Virginia Green Attraction



The Norfolk Naval Sailing Center and Marina received recognition on February 8th by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as a Virginia Green Attraction. Virginia Green is run through a partnership among the DEQ, the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), and the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association (VHTA). The program seeks to reduce the environmental impacts of the tourism industry and raise environmental awareness. It started in September 2006 with outreach to hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, and other lodging facilities by the DEQ Office of Pollution Prevention. Virginia Green Lodging became the first established program in the Virginia Green network, but standards are now in place or are being developed for all sectors of the hospitality industry.

Norfolk Naval Sailing Center and Marina, one of three recognized Green Attraction marinas in the state, is also a designated Virginia Clean Marina partner. The facility recognizes their operations have a direct impact on the marine environment of the lower Chesapeake Bay. Having policies in place that not only help prevent pollution but also raise awareness regarding local ecological issues with their staff and patrons, they aim to make the connection of a healthy environment to a healthy business.

Congratulations Norfolk Naval Sailing Center and Marina, your continued dedication to minimize impacts to the environment and increase awareness is an example of Navy's environmental stewardship at its best.

To be recognized as a Green attraction this facility pledges they will:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle.
- Minimize the use of disposable food service products by using items that are made with recycled content or are recyclable.
- Reduce overall materials that go to the landfill.
- Use green cleaning products.
- Reduce water use through low flow fixtures.
- Reduce stormwater through minimization of impervious areas, installation of pervious pavement and use of rain barrels.
- Reduce use of fertilizers to prevent harmful effects to the Bay.
- Conserve energy with use of high efficiency HVAC system and light bulbs; and use of ENERGY STAR appliances and equipment. Also, occupancy sensors in offices are used to turn on/off lights.
- Use of alternative fuel, hybrid, or electric vehicles.

