



**MAY 2021**

Dear Members,

Launch is almost here, time to enjoy another season on the water. If you are a boat owner, before your boat leaves the boatyard, we ask that you take some time to clean up the ground around your boat and dispose of all the little bits of litter that will otherwise eventually end up in the lake. If you are a non-boat-owning member this message will also be of environmental interest.

Our boatyard is scattered with little pieces of duct tape, tarpaulin, tie-wrap, grommets, bungees, blue foam, cigarette butts etc. Over the years, wind and rain action will eventually carry all this garbage into the lake where it will become a hazard for the environment.

Cigarette butts are a special form of litter and are the last acceptable form of littering. The filter portions are actually made of plastic and are the biggest single ocean contaminant.

National Geographic Magazine has reported that "Trillions of cigarette butts are thrown into the environment every year, where they leach nicotine and heavy metals before turning into micro plastic pollution."

Please remove any old cigarette butts in your yard space, as part of your clean-up effort. Thank you for helping to leave our boatyard cleaner than you found it.

Your Environment Committee

