

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City's Clean Marina status well-deserved

I live and work in Green Bay, another proud city on the Great Lakes, just a stone's throw from Manitowoc. I quite agree with your editorial of Dec. 5, "Manitowoc has a lot going for it."

I can also add some perspective to one of the items you cited as proof of your city with "a lot going for it" — the Clean Marina designation for Manitowoc Marina. As a water quality specialist with the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Program, I work with marinas, including Manitowoc, that have voluntarily adopted up to 100 best-management practices to protect water quality and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

Jack Culley and his staff at Manitowoc Marina worked very hard to earn the coveted Clean Marina certification and are a wonderful example of good environmental stewardship. They can certainly be proud that Manitowoc is one of only nine marinas in the state to achieve this sta-

tus so far.

The Wisconsin Clean Marina Program began in July 2010 as a partnership of UW Sea Grant, the Wisconsin Marina Association and the UW Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center. The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program of the Wisconsin Department of Administration funded the Clean Marina program startup and ongoing training for marina managers.

It is my hope that Manitowoc Marina and the city of Manitowoc will benefit from their green reputation and improve their bottom line by attracting boaters and tourists who appreciate recreating in cleaner water. Our coastal ecosystems and the creatures that inhabit them will certainly benefit as well. Congratulations to everyone at Manitowoc Marina.

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