

Harbor and Marina Ladders

If your Marina does not have ladders for climbing out of the water, it is time to re-evaluate your Marina.

There have been enough cases presented where people have fallen in the water off of the docks or off of boats in Marinas, where either alone or shorthanded and bringing the victim back up on land or on a boat has been a serious problem (once resulting in death).

Encourage your Marina to install ladders, in some Marinas, they buy standard aluminum ladders, extend them well below the surface of the water, and bolt them to the side, corners or ends of the dock. 1 ladder every 15-20 slips painted bright yellow, gives the victim and rescuers an escape route.

“No Swimming” signs need to be installed as well. There have been multiple fatalities as either the wiring on the docks, or the wiring on a boat plugged into the docks has a bleed causing hot electricity to go into the water killing swimmers in harbors. Swimming in harbors is simply not a good idea, take the swimmers out for a boat ride and find a nice place to anchor, away from electricity, and play there.