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### **SHRINK WRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM A SUCCESS**

CLEVELAND — The Ohio Clean Marinas Program successfully collected and recycled 360,000 pounds of shrink wrap in 2009, according to its coordinator Colleen Wellington.

Sheets of the material, which is typically used by marinas to seal boats for the winter, are formed with heat and can only be used once.

In the past, most of the plastic ended up in landfills.

The total amount recycled in 2009 was 7.5 percent more than the 335,000 collected last year, despite the absence of a fall pick-up.

According to a survey, the program saved participating marinas an average of \$500 in disposal fees.

The 360,000 pounds is considerably more than the 100,000 pounds collected during the program's first year in 2006 and will all be recycled by Mondo Polymer Technologies into spacers to be placed between highway guardrails and their posts.

At the upcoming Mid-America Boat & Fishing Show at the I-X Center in Cleveland, hundreds of boats will be on display and most will have shrink wrap on them when they arrive due to harsh winter road conditions.

All of it will be recycled, though, as part of a coordinated effort to reduce waste among the Clean Marinas Program, boat show organizers, I-X Center and Mondo.

A baler will be set up in the hall to compress the loose wrap into blocks that can be transported to the recycling facility.

The show will be held Jan. 15-24 and will feature the pre-owned product alongside the newest models for 2010.

Capt'n Willie the Great Lakes Pirate will be on hand to entertain families, as will Twiggy the Water Skiing Squirrel on the second weekend.

For more information, visit [clevelandboatshow.com](http://clevelandboatshow.com).