

## Garbage

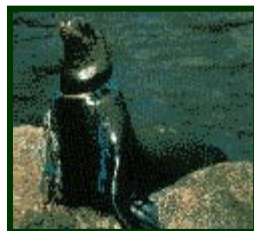
Trash – plastic bags, Styrofoam, bottles, cans, discarded nets, fishing line, and other refuse – can injure or kill aquatic life and birds by trapping or suffocating them. Along with being unsightly, trash can also foul props, clog water intake fittings, and damage fishing nets.

### Contain Trash: Nothing overboard!



**Marine Debris**

- Bring a container aboard to collect your garbage and keep it from blowing overboard.
  - Minimize the use of plastic wrap and bags when packing for your trip.
  - Don't toss any garbage or cigarettes overboard; cigarette filters are plastic and deadly to birds and fish.
  - If trash blows overboard, retrieve it – consider it “crew-overboard” practice.
  - Teach everyone on board that tossing anything into the water is just not done.
  - Pick up other trash in the water or along the shore if you can reach it safely.
  - Recycle cans, glass, plastic, and newspapers.
- Bring used monofilament fishing line to recycling bins at your marina or tackle shop.
  - Encourage your marina to provide well-marked trashcans and recycling bins.
  - Adopt-a-River or participate in other SOLV cleanups like the annual Down by the Riverside event.



**Seal with fishing line around neck**



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