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New Opportunity for Anglers to Help Protect Marine Life

The York River Stewardship Committee, in coordination with Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation and the York Harbor Board, sponsored the installation of two fishing line collection bins at Town Docks 1 and 2 in York Harbor. Fishing line discarded into the water or left on the shoreline poses severe threats to fish, birds, and other wildlife. The collection bins provide anglers or anyone who finds discarded fishing line an easy way to keep it out of the environment and protect wildlife from entanglements.

Blue Ocean Society volunteer Stephanie Burrows worked with York's Harbormaster Forrest Brenske in May to choose sites and install the two bins. She will regularly collect discarded fishing line from the bins and send it to the Berkley Conservation Institute for recycling. The Institute says it has recycled more than 9 million miles of fishing line since 1990.

Collection bins are already located throughout coastal New Hampshire and southern Maine. Grant funding from YRSC enabled Blue Ocean Society to add these first bins in York, giving local river users a convenient option to dispose of unwanted fishing line. The Blue Ocean Society website has information on the [Fishing Line Recycling Program](#) and bin locations.

www.blueoceansociety.org/beachcleanup/fishing-line-recycling-program/

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York Harbormaster Forrest Brenske and Blue Ocean Society volunteer Stephanie Burrows install a collection bin at York's Town Dock 1. Photo: Jim Smith



Newly installed fishing line collection bin at York's Town Dock 2. Photo: York River Stewardship Committee.