



Scoop up
your trash!!

Clean Boating...

For Clean Waters and Healthy Marine Life

Pelican Pete

Brown Pelican

Pelecanus occidentalis

Pelican Pete is a brown pelican. Brown pelicans weigh 8-10 pounds and have a wingspan between 6 and 8 feet! That's as tall as some basketball players!

Pelicans have air sacs beneath their skin and in their bones that make it easy for them to float easily on the water.

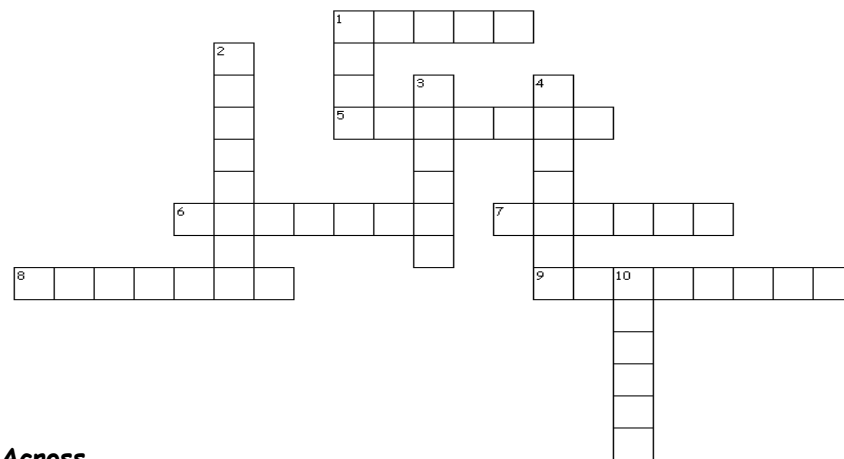
Brown pelicans have long bills with pouches that can scoop up to 3 gallons of fish and water! Pelicans spot fish while soaring over the waves and plunge dive for their food, using their large pouch like a dip net to scoop up dinner. Other birds like gulls often try to get a free meal by flying above pelicans, or even sitting on their bills!

Pelicans only want to scoop up food, not trash. You can help Pete and his marine friends by keeping our waters safe and pollution-free. Be a Clean Boater and help **scoop up trash!**

North Carolina Clean Marina Program

Be a Clean Boater and encourage your marina to become a **North Carolina Clean Marina!** The voluntary program recognizes marinas that are environmentally friendly and responsible. Together marinas and boaters can help keep our coastal waters clean and our marine life healthy!

For more information on Clean Boating and Clean Marinas, visit the Division of Coastal Management Web site at www.nccoastalmanagement.net/Marinas/marinas.htm



Across

1. A fuel ___ creates a mess and a sheen on the water.
5. Sea turtles often mistake ___ bags for their favorite food, jellyfish.
6. You should ___ empty soda cans, glass bottles and other containers so they are not thrown into a landfill or the water.
7. Trash in our waters such as plastic bags, cigarette butts and cans is called ___.
8. Dumping sewage overboard can ___ water and harm wildlife.
9. Boaters must be careful not to spill ___ while fueling their boat.

Down

1. Even though it is good for washing your hands, Clean Boaters use little or no ___ to clean their boats.
2. Obey speed zones and buoy markers to avoid an ___.
3. Wear your life ___ for safety while riding on a boat.
4. Fish and other aquatic animals can be tangled in used ___ line.
10. It is against the law to discharge or dump untreated ___ from a boat's toilet within 3 miles of shore.

Across: 1. Spill 5. Plastic 6. Recycle 7. Litter 8. Pollution 9. Gasoline
Down: 1. Soap 2. Accident 3. Jacket 4. Fishing 5. Fuel 6. Sewage

Help Pelican Pete find the trash!

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PAINT
PLASTIC
ROPE
SOAP
STRAWS
TACKLE
TIRES
BAGS
BOTTLES
CANS
CUPS
GARBAGE
GLASS
OIL

Now that you've found the trash in the word search, see if you can collect each kind of litter outside. Scoop up trash to help clean up our waters!



Scoop up your trash!

Pelican Pete likes to sit on marina docks. Help keep his favorite hangout clean by being a Clean Boater:

Throw away all trash in garbage cans! Be careful not to spill any fuel!

Don't wash your boat in the water!

Use shore side restrooms before you launch!



Don't dump sewage overboard. Use a pumpout!

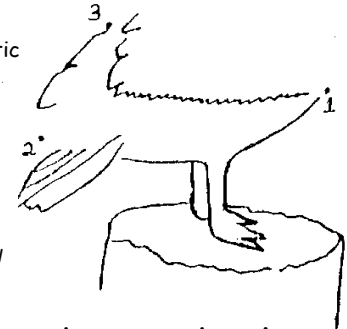
Recycle all cans, bottles and plastic bags!

Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harmful chemicals and detergents!

When oil spills it creates a sheen. Don't use soap to disperse it!

Keep an absorbent pad in your bilge!

Pick up used fishing line!



Connect the dots and color in Pete!

Brown Pelicans were once listed as endangered (in danger of extinction) because their food was polluted with harmful pesticides, like DDT, that flowed into our waters. Now that unsafe pesticides are banned or heavily regulated, pelicans have recovered from their declining status. You can help Pete, his marine friends, and yourself by keeping our seafood pollution-free. Do not dump oil, chemicals, paints and sewage into our waters!

Pelicans still face threats today, such as becoming tangled in abandoned fishing lines and hooks. You can help Pelican Pete and his friends by not tossing your fishing line overboard, collecting used strands, and recycling line in special fishing line recycling bins.



Pelicans and other marine life are also harmed by oil and chemical spills. Oil coats the feathers and gills of wildlife, making it hard for them to fly, swim, or even breathe! You can help by making sure not to spill while fueling and by using absorbent material to clean up oil on docks and in your bilge. Remember to report any spills that create a sheen on the water to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.