

VESSEL CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS:

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be used on vessels to reduce the risk of disease transmission. Clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces regularly. This includes but is not limited to:

- tables & galley
- control panels
- computer/keyboard/mouse
- door knobs
- light switches
- handles
- bathrooms
- steering wheels
- banding tools
- bait table
- first aid equipment
- ladder
- hand held radios
- VHF radios

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at minimum at the beginning of the day, midday, and end of day. Avoid sharing tools, gloves, clothing and food. If items must be shared, ensure they are disinfected before sharing.

- **CLEANING:** Removes visible soiling (e.g., dust, soil). Cleaning removes rather than kills viruses and bacteria. It is done with water, detergents, and steady friction from cleaning cloths.
- **DISINFECTING:** Kills viruses and bacteria. A disinfectant is only applied to objects, never on the human body. All visibly soiled surfaces should be cleaned before disinfection. Most cleaning can be done using regular housekeeping best practices.

DURING CLEANING/DISINFECTION:

- If the surface is dirty remove visible dust and debris.
- Follow disinfection product manufacturer's instructions for disinfection.
- Wear nitrile or neoprene gloves while working with disinfectant products.



AFTER CLEANING/DISINFECTION:

- Wash hands with soap and water using proper handwashing procedures immediately after gloves are removed.
- All disposable materials must be placed into a leak proof garbage bag and sealed for disposal.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- Regular housekeeping practices should be maintained in addition to enhanced surface cleaning/disinfection.
- Do not sweep dust, use a vacuum if possible.