

Clean Vessel Act Program - SFEP's Comprehensive Approach to Curb Sewage Discharge

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Sewage discharge from boats in the San Francisco Bay is a well-known issue; however, we are lacking quantitative data to ascertain the extent or frequency of discharges. Due to limited knowledge, resources, or respect for the aquatic environment, some boaters do discharge their sewage into the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento Delta.

To address this issue, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership Clean Vessel Act Program is working with the Division of Boating and Waterways, the boating community, marina operators, and stakeholders to provide information and resources, as well as sewage infrastructure monitoring. This comprehensive program plans to address the largest barriers to proper sewage disposal as reported in the 2010 California Boater Survey Report, written by the Division of Boating and Waterways. It will also streamline the adoption of best management practices within boating facilities to proactively prevent sewage discharge.

This poster will highlight the different components of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership Clean Vessel Act Program, how it addresses the pollutant of concern, and what our expected outcomes are.

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