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# CAPTAIN YOUR BOAT THE CLEAN WAY

Follow the tips in this guide for running a tight ship, and you can avoid such indelicacies as flushing your head into a school of stripers or spilling bilge oil into the sparkling blue deep. With these tips in mind and this map in hand, you can help keep our waters clear and clean for everyone who boats, sails, surfs, skis, swims, and fishes in San Francisco Bay and the Delta.

So open up this guide and review

its tips for preventing pollution, and its map of the pumpouts and port-a-potty dump stations located at marinas and yacht harbors around San Francisco Bay. Then stash your new guide in a handy dry place so you can always find it when you feel like doing your part to keep our Bay a world-class waterway.



# **DID YOU KNOW ?**



More than one million motorized boats are registered in California and an estimated four million recreational boaters enjoy CA's marinas, lakes, rivers and coastal waters every year



One boater flushing untreated sewage overboard produces as much bacterial pollution as 10,000 people whose sewage passes through a treatment plant



Over 100 different intestinal pathogens — viruses, parasites, and bacteria can be found in sewage



There are 90 pumpout stations throughout the Bay/Delta, and most of them are free!



That's the fine for dumping untreated sewage where you are not supposed to. Yep, even your bucket!

# THE 11 STEPS TO PUMPOUT

## WATCH FOR THE NATIONAL PUMPOUT SIGN!

1. Follow pumpout instructions. If instructions aren't posted or aren't clear, **ASK!** Encourage the marine operator to post easy-to-understand instructions.

2. Close nozzle valve on pumpout hose.

3. Remove deck waste fitting cover from boat and insert nozzle.

4. Turn on pump.

5. Open nozzle valve. (Valves can be difficult to turn — be persistent!)

6. Check the flow through the sight glass. If flow doesn't occur within one minute, place the nozzle in water for ten seconds. If there's still no flow, check for an air leak in the line or a plug in the holding tank air vent.

7. When tank is empty, close the nozzle valve.

8. Slowly remove the nozzle from the deck waste fitting by tipping nozzle to side to "crack" the seal made under pressure.

9. Rinse Bay/Delta water through the system for 5-10 seconds once you've finished. Pump out only your holding tank. **Pumpouts are not designed to handle bilge water or solid objects.** 

10. Turn off the pump and return the hose to the hose rack when you're finished so it will work for the next boater.

11. Thank your local boating facility owner for keeping pumpout facilities in good working order.

### **BROKEN PUMPOUT STATION?**

**Report any breakdowns immediately** to the marina operator. Grant funds are available for repair and replacement of pumpouts through the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways Clean Vessel Program. For more information visit www.dbw.ca.gov/Funding/Pumpout.aspx or contact Ron Kent: (916) 327-1819 ron.kent@parks.ca.gov





# Scan this QR code to watch a step-by-step pumpout

video, or navigate to sfestuary.org/boating

### DON'T FEEL LIKE IT? GO MOBILE!

If you don't want to service the holding tank yourself, consider using a mobile pumpout service. For mobile pumpout services in your area, flip this guide over and check the bottom right of the map!



# **RULES AND REGS**

Discharges of untreated sewage are prohibited within the navigational waters of the U.S. (an area that includes the entire San Francisco Bay and Delta and extends three miles seaward beyond the coast. [CWA §312 (j)]

Fines of up to \$2,000 can be imposed for illegal discharges. [CWA §312 (j)]

It is legal to discharge untreated sewage at sea (you must be at least three miles out from the coast) except in the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, (see map), which have the same discharge restrictions (no untreated sewage) as inland waters.

[Title 15, CFR, Sec. 922.82(a) (2) (ii) (A)]

All boats with installed toilets must have a U.S. Coast Guardcertified Marine Sanitation Device if operating in U.S. navigational waters.

### [33 CFR Part 159]

Vessels with a Type I or Type II Marine Sanitation Device **must** treat their sewage before discharge. For a Type I MSD, the fecal coliform count in the effluent must be no greater than 1,000 per 100 milliliters of water and have no visible floating solids. For a Type II MSD, the fecal coliform count must be no greater than 200 per 100 milliliters, and suspended solids no greater than 150 milligrams per liter.

[33 CFR Part 159]

Discharges of any kind, treated or not, are prohibited in Richardson **Bay** — a designated No-Discharge Area. [40 CFR Part 140.4]

When operating on the navigable waters of any lake, reservoir, or freshwater impoundment, the vessel toilet must be sealed.

rendered inoperable, or designed so no human sewage can be discharged in the water. [Div.104, Part 13, Chapter A, CHSC]



# **ONBOARD TREATMENT SYSTEM ?**

A type I or II MSD is also called an onboard treatment system. These systems macerate sewage and treat it with chemicals or electricity. Some type III MSDs have macerators but DO NOT treat the sewage. Although onboard treatment systems do treat sewage, they are not nearly as effective as land based treatment systems and do not address nutrient loading or medications that pass through the body. Nutrients can cause blooms in aquatic plants, including invasive species. In addition, if you do not have your system inspected regularly to ensure it is treating to specifications, you may inadvertently dump inadequately treated sewage overboard.

# FREQUENTLY HEARD MYTHS!

"If I have an on board treatment system ... I can discharge into the Delta"



[40 CFR 140.3] states that it is illegal to **USTED** discharge any sewage (treated or untreated) into "rivers that do not support interstate traffic." The entire Delta falls into this category.

### ...I can discharge into freshwater lakes and reservoirs"



[40 CFR 140.3] also states that these water bodies are protected from any sewage discharge.



# ...I can discharge into my marina or yacht harbor"

It is not only courteous to not discharge sewage in confined quarters, but the California Health and Safety Code [CHSC 117515] states that it is also illegal to do so!

### ...I don't have to secure my Y-Valve"



If you are operating your vessel in any body of water that is illegal to discharge in, [33 CFR 159.7] states that you must secure the device as to prevent overboard discharge!

See Equipment section in this guide for a diagram of Y-Valve Function.

More rules and regs at www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/lawsregs

# THE ONBOARD EQUIPMENT

### YOUR DEVICE

A Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) prevents pollution from the discharge of untreated sewage from a boat. According to U.S. Coast Guard regulations, all boats with an installed toilet must have one of the approved three types listed below:

Type I and II MSDs break up the sewage and disinfect it with chemicals. It is legal in some instances (see the Macerator page for restrictions) to discharge from either type directly overboard, but you must add the appropriate chemicals for treatment. Without this treatment, discharge from a Type I or II system is considered raw sewage and remains illegal within the three-mile limit (see Rules and Regs).

Type III MSDs, most commonly used by boaters, provide a holding tank for storing untreated sewage until it can be properly disposed of at an onshore pumpout station that connects to a local sewer system. All MSDs can be pumped out by mobile units that dispose of the waste into sewer systems. Adding chemical deodorizers does not constitute treatment and does not allow you to dump wastes overboard.







Almost all marine sanitary systems have a Y-valve. These devices allow vessel operators to divert the flow of sewage to discharge directly overboard when out at sea (3 miles from the coastline).

While navigating or while anchored within the three miles limit, you must secure the Y-valve in the closed position with a padlock or nonreleasable wire tie or remove the handle entirely.

(33CFR 159.7 & Div 104 Part 13 Chapter A CHSC)

# **CLEAN BOATING**

## **DISINFECTANTS & DEODORIZERS**

Many chemical disinfectants and deodorizers used in Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) contain chemicals of concern including: Chlorine compounds (including sodium hypochlorite), formaldehyde, paraformaldehyde, ammonium compounds, glutaraldehyde, paradichlorobenzene, or anti-microbials (such as Dowicil or Bronopol). It only takes one-tenth of a part per million of chlorine to harm or kill aquatic organisms in the vicinity of a discharge. Use enzyme and bio-active treatments when possible as these are biodegradable and less toxic treatments. Read labels carefully and use only the amount recommended to ensure adequate treatment.

### GREEN SOLUTIONS FOR SMELLY PROBLEMS:

• Empty your holding tank on a regular basis. Full and overfull tanks are difficult and dangerous to drain.

• **Periodically rinse the entire system with water.** As described in the 9th step to pumpout.

• Clean with a vinegar solution. Before you add any holding tank treatment, use a vinegar solution, about once a month, immediately after a tank has been emptied. This solution will help to reduce scale buildup and it will keep the walls of the hose clean.

• Deodorize with borax and baking soda. To clean and deodorize the boat's head, use a mix of ½ cup borax per 1 gallon of water. Clean frequently with a solution of baking soda and water, and sprinkle baking soda around the rim.

• Change hoses when needed. Over time, the system hoses, made up of a rubbery material, start absorbing the sewage smell. Perform the following quick test: Use a rag with hot water and put it around the hoses for a few minutes. Remove the rag and if the rag has a bad odor, like sewage, the odor is permeating through the hose and it's time to change it.

www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com

### THE ALTERNATIVES

PRODUCT	NON-TOXIC APPROACH
DETERGENT & SOAP	Fresh water and a lot of elbow grease
BLEACH	Hydrogen peroxide
SCOURING POWDERS	Baking soda or salt
FLOOR CLEANER	One cup white vinegar in 2 gallons water
WINDOW CLEANER	One cup vinegar in 1 quart warm water
VARNISH CLEANER	Wipe with 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup water solution
HEAD CLEANER	Brush with baking soda
SHOWER CLEANER	Wet surface, use scouring cloth with baking soda
ALUMINUM CLEANER	Use 2 tablespoons cream of tartar in 1 quart of water
CHROME CLEANER/POLISH	Apple cider vinegar to clean, baby oil to polish
FIBERGLASS STAIN REMOVER	Baking soda paste
DRAIN OPENER	Disassemble and replace; avoid toxic products
MILDEW REMOVER	Paste of equal parts lemon juice and salt
WOOD POLISH	Use 3 parts olive oil and 1 part white vinegar; almond or olive oil (interior unvarnished wood only)

### Check with your local chandlery for green products.

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# THE GREEN PAGES

#### **BOATING INFORMATION**

California Division of Boating & Waterways (888) 326-2822

San Francisco Estuary Partnership (510) 622-2406

#### COUNTY POLICE & SHERIFF BOAT/MARINE UNITS

Alameda (510) 667-7721 Contra Costa (925) 646-2441 Marin (415) 479-2311 Napa (707) 253-4451 Sacramento (916) 264-5471 San Francisco (415) 409-1020 San Joaquin (209) 468-4400 San Mateo (650) 363-4911 Santa Clara (408) 299-2311 Solano (707) 421-7090 Sonoma (707) 565-2121 Yolo (530) 666-8282 U.S. Coast Guard (415) 399-3530

### OIL SPILLS

National Response Center (800) 424-8802

California Office of Emergency Services (800) OILS-911 (645-7911)

Oil Recycling (800) CLEAN-UP www.earth911.com

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#### PUMPOUT INFORMATION

www.dbw.ca.gov/Pumpouts

#### **BOATING SAFETY**

California Division of Boating and Waterways www.dbw.parks.ca.gov

### FISH & WILDLIFE

California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Hotline (CalTip) (888) 334-2258

National Invasive Species Hotline (877) 786-7267

Marine Mammal Center (injured animals) (415) 289-7325

WildCare (injured terrestrial animals) (415) 456-SAVE

### HUMAN HEALTH

California Dept. of Public Health, Environmental Health Investigations Branch (Fish consumption warnings) (510) 620-3620 www.ehib.org

California Dept. of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch (Shellfish Information Hotline —warnings) (800) 553-4133



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# DON'T DUMP... USE THESE PUMPS

	MARINA WITH PUMPOUT		LOCATION	PUMPOUT COST	HOURS	PORTAPOTTY DUMPOUT	PUBLIC RESTROOMS	
AL	ALAMEDA COUNTY							
Α	<b>BALLENA ISLE MARINA</b> 1150 Ballena Blvd., Ste. 111, Alameda, CA 94501	510-523-5528	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No 8:30-5	Yes	
В	<b>BERKELEY MARINA</b> 201 University Ave., Berkeley, CA 94710	510-981-6740	End of I dock, G dock & C dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes	
С	<b>EMERY COVE YACHT HARBOR</b> 3300 Powell St., Emeryville, CA 94608	510-428-0505	A dock/S dock	Free	24 hours	Use pumpout station	n Yes	
D	<b>EMERYVILLE MARINA</b> 3310 Powell St., Emeryville, CA 94608	510-654-3716	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes	
Ε	<b>FORTMAN MARINA</b> 1535 Buena Vista, Alameda, CA 94501	510-522-9080	l dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes 9-5	
F	<b>GRAND MARINA</b> 2099 Grand St., Alameda, CA 94501	510-865-1200	Below harbormaster's office	Free	9-5	No	Yes	
G	MARINA VILLAGE YACHT HARBOR 1030 Marina Village Pkwy, Alameda, CA 94501	510-521-0905	Docks 8 & 10	Free	24 hours	No	Yes	
Н	MARINER SQUARE MARINA 2415 Mariner Square Dr., Alameda, CA 94501	510-521-2727	Dock 39	Free	24 hours	No	Yes	
I.	<b>OAKLAND MARINA</b> 2 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94607	510-834-4591	North Basin, Jack London Sq & Union Point Basin	Free	24 hours	Pumpout wand	Yes Jack London Sq.	
J	<b>SAN LEANDRO MARINA</b> 40 Mulford Point Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577	510-577-3488	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No Daylight Hours	Yes	
CC	NTRA COSTA COUNTY							
Κ	<b>ANTIOCH MARINA</b> 5 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509	925-779-6957	Guest dock & fuel dock	Free	24 hours at fuel dock	Pumpout wand 8-4 M-F, 8-5 SS	Yes,	
L	MARINA BAY YACHT HARBOR 1340 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804	510-236-1013	End of G dock & top of D dock	Free	24 hours	No 9-5	Yes	
Μ	MARTINEZ MARINA 7 N. Court St., Martinez, CA 94553	925-313-0942	Pumpout dock	Free	24 hours	No 8:30-4:30	Yes	
Ν	<b>PITTSBURG MARINA</b> 51 Marina Blvd. #E, Pittsburg, CA 94565	925-439-4958	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No 8-5	Yes	
MA	RIN COUNTY							
0	CLIPPER YACHT HARBOR 310 Harbor Dr., Sausalito, CA 94965	415-332-3500	Fuel dock	Tenants free; others \$5	8-11:30 and 2-4	Yes	Yes	
Ρ	<b>GALILEE HARBOR</b> 300 Napa St., Sausalito, CA 94965	415-332-8554	End of South dock	\$5	10-4 preferably high tide	No	No	
Q	<b>LOCH LOMOND MARINA</b> 110 Loch Lomond Dr., San Rafael, CA 94901	415-454-7228	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	Yes	No	
R	MARINA PLAZA HARBOR 2320 Marinship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965	415-332-4723	In marina & end of B dock	Free	9-5	No	Yes	
S	<b>RICHARDSON BAY MARINA</b> 100 Gate 6 Rd., Sausalito, CA 94965	415-332-5510	C dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes	
Т	<b>SCHOONMAKER POINT MARINA</b> 85 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965	415-331-5550	A dock	Free	24 hours	No 8-8	Yes	
NA	PA COUNTY							
U	<b>NAPA VALLEY MARINA</b> 1200 Milton Rd., Napa, CA 94559	707-252-8011	Fuel dock	\$5	8-5 weekdays 9-5 Sat, 9-4 Sun	No	Yes	
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SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY						
FISHERMAN'S WHARF MARINA Foot of Hyde St., San Francisco, CA 94123	415-673-2928	Fuel dock	Free	8-5	No	No
<b>PIER 39 MARINA </b> Pier 39, San Francisco, CA 94133	415-705-5436	A dock	Free	24 hours	Use pumpout station	Yes
X SAN FRANCISCO MARINA - GASHOUSE CC 3950 Scott St., San Francisco, CA 94123	<b>VE</b> 415-831-6322	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
SAN FRANCISCO MARINA - WEST HARBOR 3950 Scott St., San Francisco, CA 94123		Pumpout Dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
Z SOUTH BEACH HARBOR The Embarcadero, Pier 40, San Francisco, CA 94107	415-495-4911	East end of south guest doo East end of north quest do		24 hours	No	Yes
AA         TREASURE ISLE MARINA           1 Clipper Cove Way, San Francisco, CA 94130	415-981-2416	Southern end of D dock		24 hours	Yes	No
SAN MATEO COUNTY						
BB BRISBANE MARINA Sierra Point Parkway Brisbane, CA 94005	650-583-6975	Pier 1	Free	24 hours	Yes	Yes
CC COYOTE POINT MARINA 1900 Coyote Point Dr., San Mateo, CA 94401	650-573-2594	Guest dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
DD OYSTER COVE MARINA 385 Oyster Point Blvd, S. San Francisco, CA 94080	650-952-5540	Dock 5	Free	24 hours	Yes	No
<b>EE</b> OYSTER POINT MARINA 95 Harbormaster Rd. #1, So. San Francisco 94080	650-952-0808	Fuel dock	Free	8-6	Yes	Yes
FF PILLAR POINT MARINA  One Johnson Pier, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019	650-726-4382	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	Yes	Yes
GG PORT OF REDWOOD CITY YACHT HARBO 451 Seaport Ct., Redwood City, CA 94063	<b>R</b> 650-363-1390	End of C dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
HH WEST POINT HARBOR 1529 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City, CA 94063	650-XXX-XXXX	Guest dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
SOLANO COUNTY						
II BENICIA MARINA 266 East B St., Benicia, CA 94510	707-745-2628	Fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
JJ GLEN COVE MARINA 2000 Glen Cove Rd., Vallejo, CA 94591	707-552-3236	Dock 8	Free	24 hours	No	Yes
KK SUISUN CITY MARINA 800 Kellogg St., Suisun City, CA 94585	707-429-BOAT	End of fuel dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes 8:30-5
LL VALLEJO MUNICIPAL MARINA 42 Harbor Way, Vallejo, CA 94590	707-648-4370	J dock & fuel dock	\$10 for non-berthers	24 hours	No	Yes 9-5
SONOMA COUNTY						
MM PETALUMA MARINA 781 Baywood Dr., Petaluma, CA 94954	707-778-4489	End of A dock	Free	24 hours	No	Yes closed Mon.
MOBILE PUMPOUT SERVICE						
BAYGREEN MARINE SANITATION SERVICES Serves San Francisco, San Mateo, and Alameda (everythir	415-621-1393 ig south of the Rich	www.baygreen.net hmond Bridge), with the exce	Varies ption of Sausalito Bay	8-5		
MARINE SERVICE CORPS Serves the Bay Area	510-629-4185	www.marineservicecorps.c	om Varies	By appointment		
MT HEAD MARINE SANITATION SERVICE Serves Richardson Bay, Redwood City, Alameda, Oakland	650-483-5689	www.mthead.com	Varies	Varies see web site		

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