

## Wastewater

Use of marine sanitation holding tanks in an improper manner can result in sewage entering the water. Both improperly installed marine sanitation devices and improper disposal practices are illegal. Sewage from boats is more concentrated than that from either combined sewer overflows or sewage treatment plants because marine sanitation systems use little water for flushing.

Improper boat discharges can result in degraded water quality, loss of recreational opportunities and negative aesthetic qualities for all citizens who enjoy our waterways.

### Mandatory

Enforces existing local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to wastewater systems and the illegal discharge of boat sewage in writing

- Tip: Include this verbiage in your slip rental contract.

Inspects and maintains the pumpout regularly

Prohibits dumping of waste into water

Requires all boats with wastewater storage capacity to disable Y valves if applicable

### Additional

Provides mobile pump-out service

Posts and makes available local pump out locations

Requires verification of proper disposal from pump-out service

- Tip: Pump out companies can provide you with a manifest or contract that shows effluent was properly discharged at a wastewater treatment plant.

Provides boater education on proper wastewater disposal

Installs adequate signage at pump out location

- Tip: Signage could include [universal pump out symbol](#), hours of operation, and contact information