

WHAT IS THE HAMPTON ROADS BOATER EDUCATION AND PUMP OUT PROGRAM?

Created in 1996, the program provides a **FREE*** year-round pump out service to boaters in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

Our mission is to promote the proper disposal of sewage from boat holding tanks in order to protect public health and the waterways of Hampton Roads.



DAYS OF OPERATION:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Memorial Day through Labor Day

Saturday and Sunday
Fall through Spring

Appointments must be scheduled in advance.

* Marinas funded by the Clean Vessel Act may charge no more than \$5 to use their pump out/dump station.

WHY SHOULD I ALWAYS USE PUMP OUT AND DUMP STATIONS?

1. IT KEEPS OUR WATERWAYS AND AQUATIC LIFE HEALTHY AND PROTECTS PUBLIC HEALTH.

DID YOU KNOW?

Areas most likely to be affected by boat sewage discharge are sheltered waters with low flushing rates, which are waters with significant recreational value.



Raw sewage can spread diseases like hepatitis, typhoid and cholera, which can be transmitted by the shellfish we eat.

Organic matter in sewage is decomposed in the water by bacteria, which use oxygen. As a result, sewage may deplete the oxygen levels in area waters, causing stress to fish and other aquatic animals.

2. IT IS THE LAW.

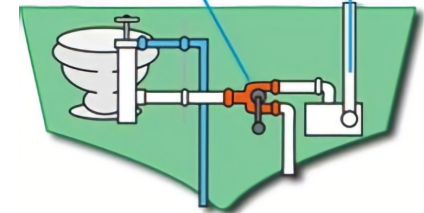
It is illegal to discharge untreated sewage from vessels into all water bodies of the Commonwealth.

A no discharge zone (NDZ) is a designated area in which both treated and untreated sewage discharges are prohibited. While operating a vessel in a NDZ, the marine sanitation device (MSD) must be locked and closed at the Y valve to prevent discharge.

A vessel must be beyond three miles from shore to legally discharge sewage overboard.

Y valve must be secured so waste cannot be discharged into water

Drainage to pump-out station



Typical Marine Sanitation Device

Help keep our waterways clean and healthy by reporting illegal discharges to the local Coast Guard.

Report both land and water spills to the National Response Center at
1-800-424-8802

Violators could be charged up to a
\$5,000 civil penalty.

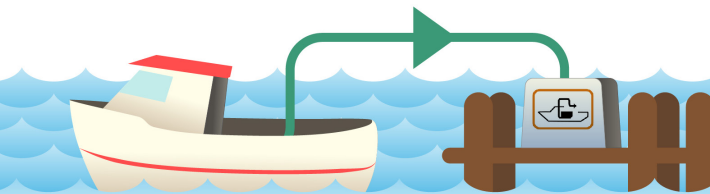
HOW DO I SCHEDULE A PUMP OUT FOR MY BOAT?

Call **757-460-4253**

or visit www.hrsd.com/boater-ed to schedule a **FREE*** pump out.

AS A BOATER, WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO TO KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN?

1. Use non-hazardous materials when working on your boat. Sanding, cleaning, painting, and degreasing boats can pose a major threat to our waters. If it's hazardous to you, it's hazardous to the environment.
2. Take care when fueling. The US Coast Guard recommends filling the tank only 90% to reduce the chance of spills from overfills.
3. Keep oil absorbent pads nearby for use in the bilge. Diesel fuel and motor oil are toxic and can block life-giving sunlight in the water.
4. Throw away all trash in proper receptacles. Trash is not only an eyesore; it can damage boats and threaten the well-being of marine life.
5. Always use pump out/dump stations and bathroom facilities when docked.



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Virginia Marina Locator Map



Scan this code for a map of marinas throughout the Commonwealth. Please report broken pump out/dump stations to the Virginia Health Department Marina Program at **804-864-7468**.

This program is funded in part by the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program. To learn more, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/marina-program

For questions please email us at boatered@hrsdc.com



PUMP OUT DON'T DUMP OUT

Boaters of Hampton Roads, Virginia!

Here's an easy and convenient way you can help keep our local waterways clean.

The Hampton Roads Boater Education and Pump Out Program encourages you to always use pump out/dump stations to properly dispose of your on-board sewage.

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to request a **FREE*** pump out.