

The Basics of... Boat Pumpout



Keeping untreated sewage out of inland and shallow sheltered coastal waters is one of the biggest contributions boaters can make to local water quality...

... and it's the law.

See the back of this card for information on how to use pumpout stations.



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How to Pump Out Your Boat's Holding Tank:

Since different machines vary slightly, read and follow posted directions. In general, here's how it works:

1. Remove cap from boat's waste fitting.



2. Insert pumpout hose nozzle into deck fitting.



3. Turn pump on. If there is a hose valve, open it to start suction.



4. When no waste is seen in sight glass, close hose valve and remove nozzle from deck fitting.



5. Put nozzle (with open valve) in bucket of water for 15 seconds to rinse hose. If desired, rinse boat's tank with water and pump dry.



6. Close valve. Put away hose. Turn off pump if requested. Replace deck fitting cap.



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