

Boaters: Vessel Sewage Restrictions Protect Our Environment

Good water quality is essential to a healthy Florida Keys' marine ecosystem.

- Discharging treated or untreated sewage from your boat's marine head (Marine Sanitation Device [MSD]) into the waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is prohibited.
- To help prevent unintentional discharges of treated or untreated sewage into the marine environment, MSDs must be secured and locked at all times. Acceptable methods for securing MSDs include, but are not limited, to those approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. (33 CFR 159.7)

Pump-out facilities are located throughout the Keys to assist boat operators in adhering to these rules, which help protect people and marine life from potentially harmful vessel sewage discharges.



Florida Keys Vessel Pump-Outs



Key West

A & B Marina (for guests only)
Boca Chica Marina Naval Air Station*
Conch Harbor Marina*
City of Key West Marina Garrison Bight*
Key West Bight City Marina*
Key West Conch Harbor Marina*
King's Point Marina
Galleon Marina (for guests only)
Garrison Bight City Marina*
Margaritaville Key West Resort & Marina (for guests only)
Ocean Key Resort & SPA*

Stock Island

Ocean Edge Key West Hotel & Marina
Safe Harbour Marina (call first)
Sunset Marina
Stock Island Marina Village

Big Pine Key

Bahia Honda State Park*

Marathon

Bonefish Marina (for guests only)
Boot Key Harbor City Marina*
Marathon Boats & Yachts*
Marathon Marina & Boatyard*

Marathon Yacht Club*
Sombrero Marina/Dockside Lounge *

Key Colony Beach

Key Colony Beach Marina

Duck Key

Hawk's Cay Resort & Marina

Upper Matecumbe Key

Bayside World Wide Sportsman*
Coral Bay Marina

Windley Key

Snake Creek Marina

Plantation Key

Plantation Yacht Harbor*
Smuggler's Cove Marina
Treasure Harbor Marine, Inc.*

Tavernier

Mangrove Marina*
Tavernier Creek Marina*

Key Largo

John Pennekamp State Park*
Pilot House Marina*
Key Largo Kampground Marina* (for guests only)
Key Largo Anglers Club*
Playa Largo Resort & SPA (for guests only)

South Miami-Dade

Blackpoint Marina
Homestead Bayfront Park

Mobile Pump-Out Services

From a vessel: Pumpout
USA 305-900-0263 or
www.po-keys.com
From land: All Keys
Portalet 305-664-2226

Tips:

- ✓ Check with marinas ahead of time on status of pump-out equipment.
- ✓ Fees may be charged for pump-out services.
- ✓ Navigate carefully in the shallow waters of the Keys.
- ✓ Follow all sanctuary, park and refuge rules.
- ✓ Bring your trash back to shore for proper disposal or recycling.

***Clean Marina** facilities certified by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (<http://www.floridadep.gov/rcp/clean-marina>)

Note: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary regulations restrict other types of discharges and other types of activities.

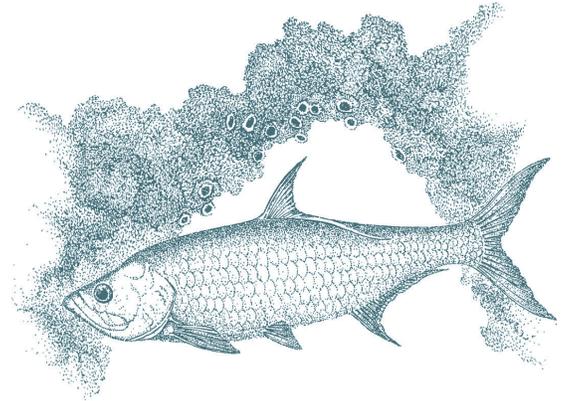
For more information about sanctuary regulations (15 CFR 922 Subpart P), visit floridakeys.noaa.gov. (11/2019)

Boaters, Divers, Anglers: You Can Protect Water Quality

Good water quality practices help protect the Keys' water quality, marine environment, our economy and way of life. Here are some things you can do:

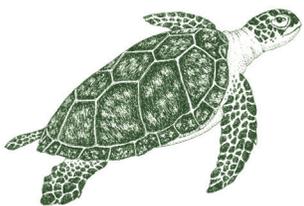
Boat Maintenance, Repair & Fueling

- Keep your engine in good running condition and check regularly for oil leaks.
- Prevent harsh chemicals from entering boat drains where they are discharged as graywater.
- Prevent hydraulic fluids, motor oil and other chemicals from soaking into the ground or spilling into nearshore waters. Soak up spills with absorbent materials; dispose of rags with other hazardous wastes.
- Dispose of batteries and waste oil at the proper facilities in your community (monroecounty-fl.gov/69/Solid-Waste).
- Participate in **Florida's Clean Boater program** and use **Clean Marina**-certified facilities (www.floridadep.gov/rcp/clean-marina).
- Discharging gasoline, motor oil or oily bilge water into sanctuary waters, including canals and marinas, is against sanctuary regulations. When fueling, be careful not to spill gas and soak up spilled fuel with rags.



Shallow Water Boating

- Seagrass meadows provide critical habitat and promote clear water conditions. Help protect these sensitive habitats by following all navigation and safety rules when boating in the shallow waters of the Florida Keys. Anchoring on coral or otherwise operating your boat in such a manner as to strike or injure coral, seagrass and other organisms attached to the seafloor is prohibited (floridakeys.noaa.gov).
- Take the sanctuary's free online **Boater Education Course** to learn more about marine zones, regulations and your responsibilities (floridakeys.noaa.gov/onthewater/education.html).



Trash & Food Scraps

- Stow your trash in a secure container and dispose of it properly on land. Regulations prohibit depositing trash into sanctuary waters. Use a boat hook or net to retrieve floating marine debris.
- Keep food scraps out of sanctuary waters. They add nutrients that can reduce water quality and can alter marine animal behavior.

Angling & Cleaning Your Catch

- Keep fishing line, hooks, and plastics from harming birds and sea turtles or becoming entangled on coral. Dispose of fishing line properly on land; recycle old line using designated bins.
- After cleaning your catch, dispose of fish scraps with your household waste in a secure container and not in nearshore waters where they add unwanted nutrients that can degrade water quality and can alter marine animal behavior.

Vessel Sewage/MSDs

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