



VHF CHANNEL 14 or 16
Tuesday and Thursday



Under the federal Clean Water Act it is illegal to discharge untreated (raw) sewage from a vessel within 3 miles of shore (the territorial waters) of the United States, the Great Lakes and navigable rivers. On August 10, 1998 the state of Rhode Island took a step toward ensuring better water quality in marine waters by designating their coastal waters as a No Discharge Area (NDA). The Rhode Island waters include territorial seas within three miles of shore, including all of Narragansett Bay. A No Discharge Area is a designated body of water in which the discharge of *treated* and *untreated* boat sewage is prohibited (this does not include greywater or sink water).

For a map of other Rhode Island pump-out facilities go to:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/maps>

MOORING AND DOCK PERMIT HOLDERS MAY OBTAIN
A PUMP-OUT PENNANT AT THE
HARBORMASTER'S OFFICE.

PUMP-OUT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO
EVERYONE. MOORING AND DOCK PERMIT
HOLDERS CAN RECEIVE PUMP-OUT SERVICES AT
NO ADDITIONAL COST.

PUMP-OUT BOAT REQUESTS

A \$5 fee is required for individuals who do not have a
current Bristol mooring or dock permits.



**BRISTOL HARBORMASTERS
OFFICE**

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TOWN OF BRISTOL



**PUMPOUT BOAT
SERVICES**



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Hours of Operation:

Rockwell Dock Pump-out Station: - 24/7

Pump-Out Boat: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

KEEPING BRISTOL CLEAN

HOW TO GET PUMPED OUT :

The pump-out boat service is based on a flag / pennant system. Anyone wishing to get their boat pumped out should place their orange Pump-Out Pennant in the area of the boat's waste cap where it can be clearly seen. After each pump-out is completed a blue tag is left to indicate that the boat has been serviced. Mooring and dock permits holders can obtain a pump-out pennant at the Harbormasters Office. The office is located in the second floor of the Bristol Community Center off of Thames Street next to the Prudence Ferry.



ROCKWELL DOCK PUMPOUT:

The Rockwell Dock, located just north of the Prudence Ferry, has a 24-7 Pump-Out Station for all to use at **no charge**.

NO DISCHARGE AREA FOR ALL OF RHODE ISLAND'S MARINE WATERS

Marine Sanitation Devices (Boat Toilets)

Recreational boats are not required to be equipped with a toilet, but if they are, the Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) must be Coast Guard approved, designed either to hold sewage for shore-based disposal or to treat the sewage prior to discharge. There are three types of MSDs.

Type I MSDs discharge treated effluent having a fecal coli form bacterial count not greater than 1000 per 100 milliliters of water and no visible floating solids.

Type II MSDs discharge treated effluent having a fecal coli-form bacterial count of less than 200 per 100 milliliters and suspended solids not greater than 150 milligrams per liter.

Type III MSDs are devices designed to store sewage (usually with disinfectants and deodorants added) until it can be pumped out at a pump-out facility or discharged outside the territorial seas boundary of three miles from shore. These are commonly known as holding tanks.

Vessels 65 feet in length and under may install a Type I, Type II or Type III MSD. Vessels over 65 feet in length must install a Type II or Type III.



Portable toilets or "porta-potties" are not considered installed toilets and are not subject to the MSD regulations. They are, however, subject to the disposal regulations which prohibit the disposal of raw sewage within the three mile limit or territorial waters of the United States, the Great Lakes, or navigable rivers.



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