

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Sustainable Initiatives

Florida Clean Vessel Act Program

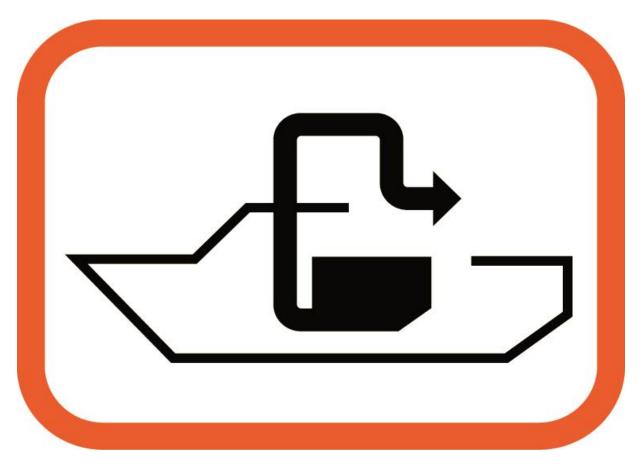
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Clean Vessel Act Program



Universal pumpout logo



Clean Vessel Act Program

Clean Vessel Act of 1992

- Provides financial aid for pumpout and dump stations
- Provides educational information for boaters

Florida Clean Vessel Act of 1994

• Section 327.53, Florida Statutes, Marine Sanitation



No Discharge Zones

- Destin Harbor
- City of Key West waters
- State waters within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
- Vessel must have a holding tank and use pumpout







Since 1994:

- Boaters are prohibited from discharging raw sewage into freshwater or within coastal salt water limits
- Raw sewage discharge prohibited:
 - 9 nautical miles (Gulf)
 - 3 nautical miles (Atlantic)
- Raw or treated discharge prohibited in No Discharge Zones



Section 327.53, Florida Statutes

- All vessels, while on the waters of this state, shall set or secure their "Y" valves to prevent discharge of raw sewage into the water
- On a vessel, other than a houseboat, the toilet may be portable or permanently installed









Section 327.53, Florida Statutes

 Every vessel 26 feet or more in length which has an enclosed cabin with berthing facilities shall be equipped with a toilet





- Every permanently installed toilet shall be attached to the appropriate U.S. Coast Guard approved Marine Sanitation Device
 - Type I
 - Type II
 - Type III



- Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) Any equipment for installation on board a vessel, other than a toilet, which is designed to receive, retain, treat or discharge sewage and any process to treat such sewage
- All MSDs must be Coast Guard approved
 - Type I
 - Type II
 - Type III



Marine Sanitation Devices Type I

 Free-flow system that macerates sewage to no visible solids, treats with chemicals or heat and reduces bacteria count to less than 1,000 per 100 milliliters



Type I for vessels up to 65 ft.





Marine Sanitation Devices Type II

 Free-flow system that macerates sewage to no visible solids, treats with chemicals or heat and reduces bacteria count to less than 200 per 100 milliliters





MSD Type II for vessels over 65 ft.



Marine Sanitation Devices Type III

- Holds the sewage in tank
- Connected to a Y-valve
- Prevents direct overboard discharge of sewage
- May use disinfectants and deodorizers

MSD Type III for any size vessels





Who Enforces Pumpouts/MSDs?

- U.S. Coast Guard
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Local Sheriffs offices







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Coast Guard Inspection Checklist Item 12 - Marine Sanitation Devices:

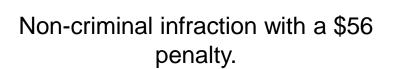
Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed.

Marine Sanitation Devices

Penalties for misuse or failure to equip a vessel with a Marine Sanitation Device in Florida

Penalties for illegal dumping/discharge of a Marine Sanitation Device in Florida

Non-criminal infraction with a \$250 penalty.







Florida's Pumpout Penalties



- The Florida Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program provides grant funding to owners of marina and recreational boating sites for pumpout facilities
- Federally funded through grants made possible by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Sport Fish Restoration Program
- Additional funds provided through Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND)
- Grant recipient provides a portion of state match





Grants for Pumpouts

- Stationary pumpout units
- Mobile pumpouts
- Pumpout boats
- Replacement of old pumpout
- Maintenance/repair
- Operations of pumpout
- Sewage hauling costs

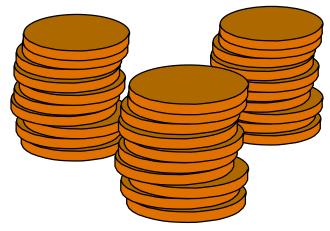
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Clean Vessel Act Grants

- Grants will cover up to <u>75%</u> reimbursement of costs for these projects
- Grant recipient provides <u>25%</u> match
- Direct return to the boater from excise taxes from fishing tackle and marine fuel







Grantee Qualifications

- Facility must be a registered business
- Pumpout services must be open and available to the public – includes private clubs and basins
- **25%** of the *approved* project costs must be provided by the grantee
- 75% will be reimbursed by the CVA grant and FIND
- Free pumpouts are encouraged; no more than \$5 is allowed to be charged
- Report pumpout activity for 5 years after the completion of the project

Quarterly Pumpout Reporting

Grant recipients report quarterly:

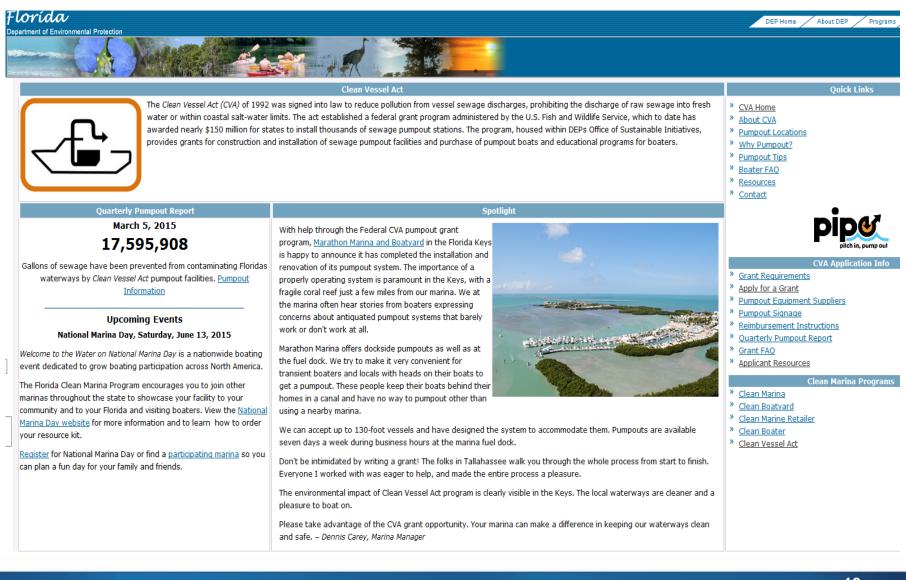
- Number of vessels pumped
- Number of out of state vessels
- Number of gallons pumped
- Maintenance costs
- Fees collected

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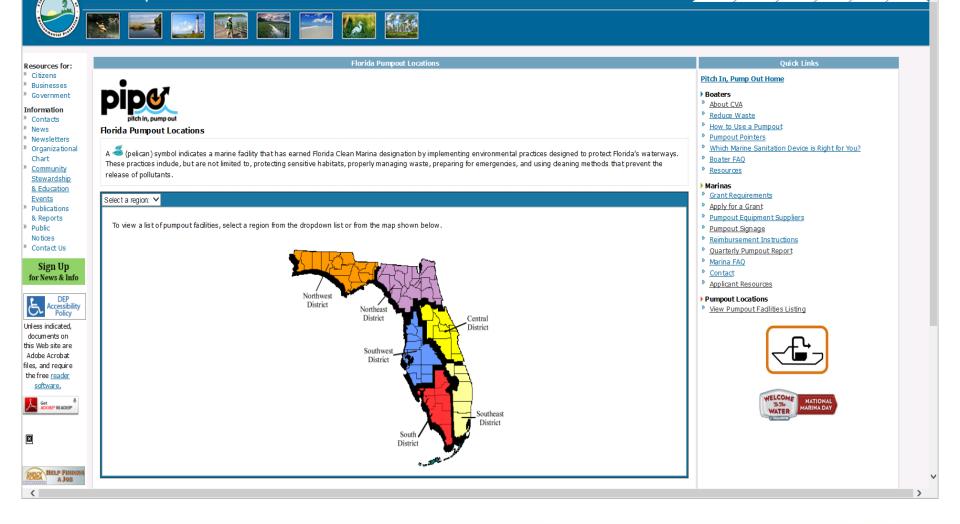
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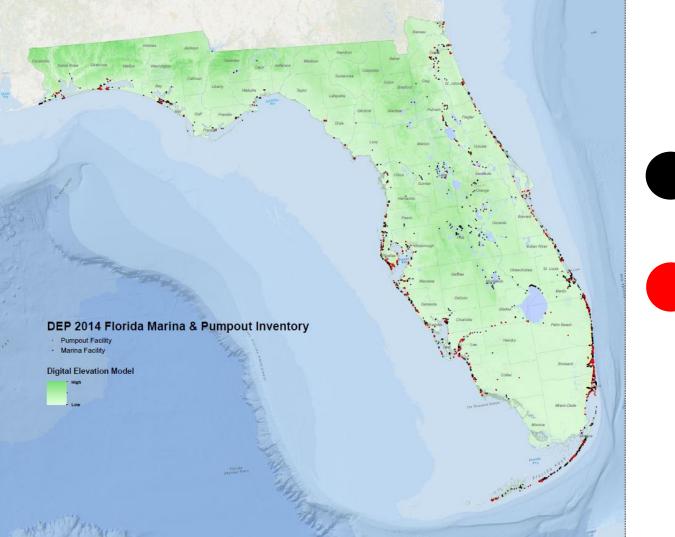
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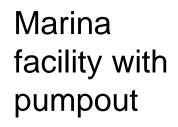
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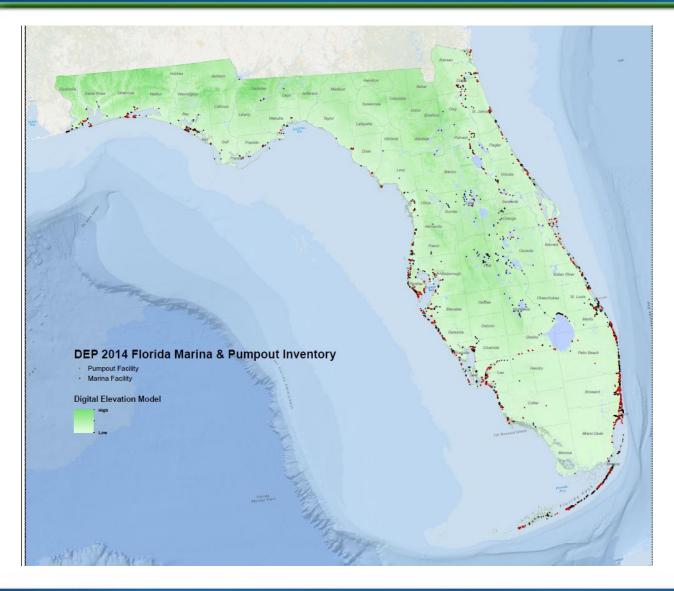
Florida Marinas with Pumpouts



Marina facility







The goal of the Florida CVA program is to:

- Install pumpout facilities in all marinas
- Focus on inland streams and springs



Pumpout Types











Pumpout Vessel Example



Martin County

- Offers county-wide pumpout services at no charge
- Two vessels











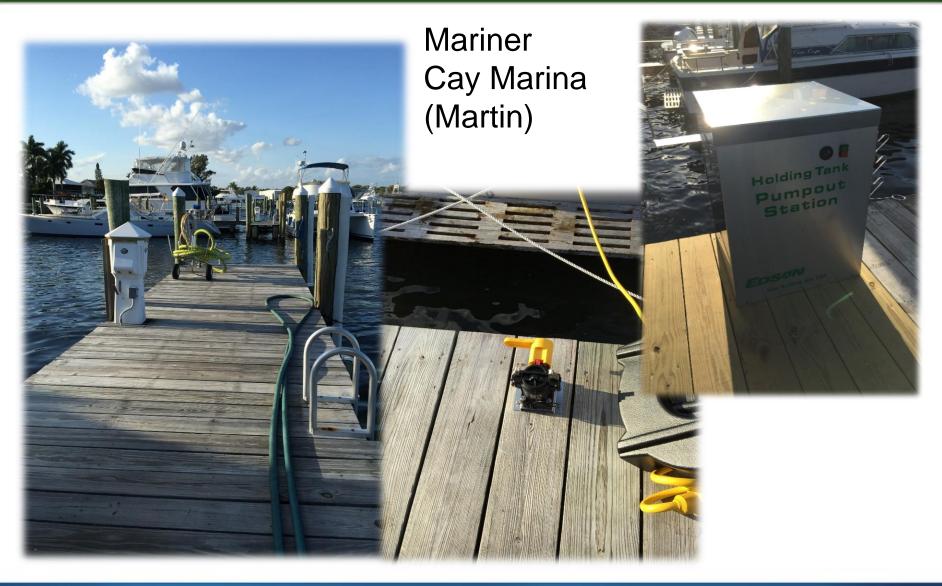


Stationary Pumpout Example

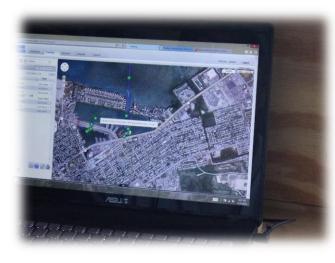




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Monroe County

- Keys-wide pumpout program
- Four to six vessels
- No charge pumpouts





City of Key West pumpout program









City of St. Augustine













City of Panama City













The Galleon, Key West











Faro Blanco, Marathon





The numbers:

- 543 pumpouts installed
- 55 projects in process
- 19,348,129 gallons of sewage reported pumped









Marine Industries Association of Florida and its Chapters

- Trade organization
- Marine industry data
- Boating trends and data
- Marina and boater education
- Best management practices
- Water cleanup initiatives
- Boat shows











Florida Sea Grant

- Research
- Education
- Fisheries
- Coastal and marine resources
- Marina technical assistance
- Marina workshops



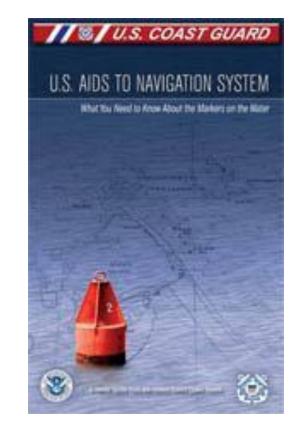






U.S. Coast Guard – Department of Homeland Security

- Ports, waterways and coastal security
- Marine safety
- Marine sanitation device regulation/compliance
- Vessel safety check
- Boating safety courses







U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

- Augments USCG
- Promotes and improves recreational boating and safety
- Vessel inspections
- Education
- Boat shows











USCG Sea Partners

- The Coast Guard's environmental education and outreach program
 - Increase compliance with marine environmental protection laws and regulations by educating waterways users
 - Raise community awareness of marine pollution issues
 - Help prevent discharge of marine pollutants









Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

- Pumpout compliance
- Fishing licenses
- Boating safety
- Boating laws
- Education
- Outreach







Clean Vessel Act Program

Why Pumpout?

- Health Hazards
- Decreases oxygen for fish
- Shellfish contamination
- Anything else?





Clean Vessel Act Program

It's about Clean Water



Clean Boater Pledge





CLEAN BOATER PLEDGE

As a participating member of the Florida *Clean Boater* Program, I pledge to do my part in keeping Florida's waterways clean by following the guidelines set forth in the Clean Boating Habits booklet. I will identify opportunities and implement practices to prevent pollution associated with my boating activities such as: fueling, cleaning and washing, sewage handling and maintenance. I will further ensure that all passengers aboard my vessel follow the guidelines and maintain a clean boating environment.

As a Clean Boater I Pledge To:

- · Recycle and keep Florida's waterways free of trash.
- Practice proper fueling techniques.
- Use pumpout facilities.
- Support Florida Clean Marinas, Clean Boatyards and Clean Marine Retailers whenever possible.
- Promote clean boating habits and the *Clean Boater* program to fellow boaters.
- · Remember that a clean environment ALWAYS starts with ME.

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Questions?

Any questions about our clean water?

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