

Sewage

§15-212-112 Littering or polluting of water prohibited. No person shall place, throw, deposit, or discharge, or cause to be placed, thrown, deposited, or discharged into the waters of Kewalo Basin any litter, or other gaseous, liquid or solid materials which render the water unsightly, noxious or otherwise unwholesome so as to be detrimental to the public health and welfare, or a navigational hazard. No person shall discharge oil sludge, oil refuse, fuel oil or molasses either directly or indirectly, or pump bilges or ballast tanks containing other than clean water into the waters of Kewalo Basin.

Marine Sanitation Devices

While vessels are not required to have a marine toilet on board, if your boat has one, it must be connected to a Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, or III marine sanitation device (MSD). Federal law forbids dumping sewage-treated or untreated-or any waste derived from sewage into the lakes, reservoirs or fresh water impoundments of this state. Federal regulations and equipment standards established jointly by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Coast Guard govern the use of MSDs.

FACT:

Untreated sewage discharged from boats can spread disease, contaminate shellfish beds and lower oxygen levels in water. Exposure to sewage-polluted water can result in gastroenteritis, hepatitis, dysentery and cholera. It's illegal to discharge raw sewage into any of Hawaii's lakes, rivers, reservoirs or coastal waters within three miles of shore.

GOAL:

Eliminate overboard discharge of sewage into our waters and increase the use of pump out facilities and porta-potty dump stations.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:

Never dump raw sewage into Hawaiian waters.

- Use public toilets onshore before departing.
- Use a pump out facility to dispose of holding tank wastes.
- Visit https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dobor/boatinginhawaii/pumpout_bro.pdf for Oahu pump out locations.
- For small boats, use a porta-potty and dispose of wastes in an onshore dump station or toilet.
- Keep the "Y" valve properly secured in the closed position when navigating inland waters or less than three miles offshore to prevent accidental discharge.
- Reduce the use of chemical additives containing formaldehyde, quaternary ammonia and chlorine.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1311 et seq.):

Discharges of untreated sewage are prohibited within the navigable waters of the U.S.