

Sewage discharge by recreational boaters may seem small. Quite often people respond that they are only one boater. Compound this with the fact that over a million households in Alabama possess some form of watercraft. The discharge from so many boaters can be a substantial contributor to localized degradation of water quality.



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Look for marinas with this sign!

Keep Our Water Clean - Use Pumpouts

Clean Boating and the Clean Vessel Act in Alabama



Alabama's Clean Vessel Act Program has been around since 1993 and has awarded more than \$500,000 to marinas to install boat sewage pumpout stations.



Boat sewage can

- make water unsafe for swimming
- impact shellfish harvesting areas
- harm fish and other water creatures.



If you are a boater who needs to know where the nearest pumpout station is located, or a marina owner interested in installing a station, call the Alabama Department of Environmental Management at 1-800-533-2336.



Steps to Funding A Pumpout Station for Marina Owners

1. Get an application from ADEM.
2. Meet with pumpout suppliers
3. Submit your application.
4. Wait for a signed contract.
5. Purchase and install the system.
6. Get 75% of the investment back.