

Newport Harbor Environmental Regulations

Welcome to Newport Harbor. As boat owners or operators, you are true stewards of this important resource. The City of Newport Beach appreciates your commitment to keeping the Harbor free of trash and to maintaining the Harbor's water quality.

Your stewardship comes with a responsibility and a legal requirement to follow our environmental laws. We take our own oversight responsibility seriously and will enforce the laws aggressively. Read and save this reference card to help you enjoy the Harbor and help avoid seeing us!

The Newport Beach Harbor Quality Citizens' Advisory Committee
The City of Newport Beach's Harbor Resources Division

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

- Φ Oil or chemical spills – 9-1-1 or 949/723-1000
- Φ On-water law enforcement (OC Harbor Patrol) – 9-1-1 or 949/723-1002
- Φ Inoperative pumpout station – 949/644-3034
- Φ Guest Dock locations and moorings – 949/723-1002
- Φ City of Newport Beach Harbor Resources Division – 949/644-3034

SEWAGE & GREYWATER CONTROL

DO's and DON'Ts:

- υ DO know that "NO DISCHARGE" means **no discharge** – nothing but clean tap water can be released into Newport Harbor. It is illegal to discharge waste (including greywater) into the Harbor and up to 3 miles off the coast.
- υ DO know that any boat larger than ___' must have a Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) with a y-valve in its closed position (wired or locked shut) while in the Harbor and within the 3-mile limit – DON'T violate this law unless you want to face a \$___ penalty.
- υ DO use one of the Harbor's 10 public pumpout stations. DO call XXX-XXXX if a pumpout needs maintenance. Find another one if one is temporarily out of service.
- υ DO use high quality PVC hoses – DON'T use rubber, since it deteriorates and retains odors.
- υ DO use shoreside facilities before you depart – PLAN AHEAD!
- υ DON'T discharge greywater – all soaps are harmful to fish and water resources. Even "biodegradable" soaps. Less is more – use less cleaning product and more elbow grease.
- υ DO keep absorbent pads in your bilge tank. DO use an oil-sensitive bilge pump that shuts off before accidental oil discharge.

CLEANING YOUR BOAT

Newport Harbor is a no-discharge harbor! Both State and Federal laws require us to reduce or eliminate water quality impairments like toxics sometimes found in cleaning supplies! "No-discharge" means nothing except clean water may legally enter the Bay!

DO's and DON'Ts:

- υ Topside, DO use elbow grease and water – DON'T use ANY cleaners if the cleaners (even bio-degradeable ones) will enter the water.
- υ DO use phosphate-free and chlorine-free cleaners (check the ingredient labels) for uses that you know will not enter the water. Good alternatives include NAMES
- υ DO use a vacuum sander – DON'T discharge particles into the Bay.
- υ DO use tarps to collect paint, varnish, and related spills -- DON'T use paints with copper or toxic biocides.
- υ DO keep absorbent pads (BRAND NAMES) nearby when you work – if you spill, get it stopped immediately.
- υ DO limit all in-water maintenance to no-discharge activities.
- υ DO clean hull frequently with a soft sponge and water to minimize marine growth. DO save the removal of heavy marine growth for a boatyard haulout – DON'T hire divers who do not use these methods.

FUELING YOUR BOAT

One pint of oil or gas can cover an acre of water surface, killing sensitive marine life and their food sources.

DO's and DON'Ts:

- υ DO have a fire extinguisher ready. DON'T smoke, have a cooking flame lit, or cause any sparks when fueling a boat. DO turn off electronics and blower.
- υ DO tie your boat securely fore and aft.
- υ DO fill carefully – DON'T top off the tank.
- υ DO listen to or keep your hand at air vent – air flow increases when tank is nearly full. DO leave 5% extra room in tank for expansion.
- υ DO keep absorbent pads (BRAND NAMES) nearby when you work – if you spill, get it stopped immediately. DON'T use soaps to clean oil – they foul bilge systems, render absorbent pads useless, and disperse oil. In California, it's illegal to use soaps or detergents to clean gas or oil spills!
- υ DO use a "No-Spill" (Davis) to catch accidental spillover from tank vent.
- υ DO prevent overfills – install a fuel/air separator or whistle in fuel tank vent line.
- υ DO always fuel portable tanks onshore. Avoid in-water fueling. Always use approved tanks.
- υ Before starting engine, DO secure gas cap, open hatches, ventilate for 5 minutes, smell bilges for gas, and check for leaks.

Pumpout Sites & Public Piers

