The No Discharge Zone designation prohibits discharging sewage into all State waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. This includes treated sewage from marine sanitation devices but does not apply to gray water from showers or sinks, only sewage. Through-hull fittings for disposal of sewage should be closed and appropriate measures to dispose of sewage implemented. The No Discharge Zone strengthens existing regulations under the Florida Clean Vessel Act so that even chemically-treated sewage cannot be discharged overboard.

**Boundaries?**

All State waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary are included in the No Discharge Zone. Waters of the State extend to 3 miles from land on the Atlantic side of the Florida Keys and 9 miles from land on the Gulf of Mexico side of the Florida Keys. The State Clean Vessel Act also prohibits discharging raw/untreated sewage into all State waters and sewage may not be discharged at any of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary SPS’s (Sanctuary Preservation Areas) or the Western Sambo and Tortugas Ecological Reserves.

**Where?**

Pump out facilities are available for boaters at various locations throughout the Florida Keys. (See map). In addition, mobile pump-out services are available. For the most current list of available facilities, log onto www.co.monroe.fl.us/ndz/info.htm.

**Who?**

All vessels (charterboats, liveaboards, fishing boats, private vessels, commercial vessels, houseboats and floating structures) are prohibited from dumping sewage, whether treated or not, into waters of the Sanctuary within the No Discharge Zone. Vessels 26 feet or longer with an enclosed cabin with berthing facilities inside must install a holding tank. All vessels 26 feet or longer with an enclosed cabin with berthing facilities with enclosed living space must install a holding tank. Structures with enclosed living space must install a holding tank. Vessels 26 feet or longer with an enclosed cabin with berthing facilities (as noted in the Florida Clean Vessel Act) and floating structures fail to comply within 30 days of being cited, the court can order removal of the craft at the owner’s expense.

**Why?**

The Florida Keys are famous for diving, fishing and boating. Tourism and commercial fishing industries depend upon clean, healthy water. North America’s only living coral barrier reef lies just offshore. Coral reefs need clear, clean, nutrient-free waters to thrive.

**Penalties**

Existing State laws permit a State or U.S. Coast Guard officer to board a vessel to inspect a marine sanitation device (MSD).

Violations are noncriminal infractions carrying fines of $50 (equipment) and $250 (discharge). If a houseboat or floating structure fails to comply within 30 days of being cited, the court can order removal of the craft at the owner’s expense.

The Florida Keys is regulated by several different jurisdictions which have the authority to establish ordinances to implement the No Discharge Zone designation. All Keys municipalities and Monroe County have adopted such an ordinance, establishing penalties for violation of the ban on discharging sewage overboard.

A dock attendant may be available to assist and a fee charged for the service. Most tanks can be pumped out and rinsed in less than 15 minutes. Pump portable waste in vessel pump-out facilities as well. Use biodegradable cleaning products instead of toxic cleansers that damage the marine environment.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Visit the website at http://monroecofl.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/MonroeCoFL_MarineRes/discharge

**TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING CALL 1-888-404-FWCC (5922)**

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Pump Out Station Locations

1. Westin Key West Resort
2. Galleon Marina
3. Key West Bight Marina
4. Key West Conch Harbor Marina
5. City Marina at Garrison Bight
6. Sunset Marina
7. Bama Sea Products/Bama One
8. Safe Harbor Marina
9. Key West Oceanside Marina
10. Naval Air Facility (military only)
11. NAS Key West (Boca Chica)
12. Little Palm/Dolphin Marina
13. Bahia Honda State Park
14. Sunshine Key
15. Burdine's
16. Faro Blanco Oceanside
17. Faro Blanco Bayside
18. Marathon Yacht Club
19. City of Marathon Marina
20. Sombrero Cay Clubs Resort & Marina
21. Coconut Cay Resort & Marina
22. Key Colony Beach Marina
23. Coco Plum Marina & Storage
24. Marie's Yacht Club
25. Hawk's Cay Marina
26. World Wide Sportsman Bayside Marina
27. Coral Bay Marina
28. Holiday Isle Marina
29. Smuggler's Cove Marina
30. Snake Creek Marina
31. Islamorada Founder's Park
32. Mangrove Marina
33. Blue Fin/Rock Harbor Marina
34. Mariners Club Marina
35. Key Largo Harbor Marina
36. Manatee Bay Marina
37. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park
38. Ocean Reef Club

Call for Mobile Pump Out Service:
- City of Key West – (305) 292-8167
- City of Marathon – (305) 289-8877
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