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New Marine Sanitation Device and Y-Valve Video for Boaters Increase (Online) Tools to Help Water Quality

LOS ANGELES (June 14, 2018) Properly disposing of boat sewage makes a significant difference in water quality and the marine environment that attracts millions of people recreating year-round, but especially now in the summer months. Improperly discharging sewage overboard can spread diseases, harm aquatic life, impact nutrient levels in the water, and compromises our enjoyment of the water.

A [new vessel sewage video](#) is now available for boaters. This video—developed by The Bay Foundation—clearly and easily explains the laws regarding boat Marine Sanitation Devices, the effects of discharging sewage overboard, and **how to** properly secure a boat's Y-valve to prevent an accidental sewage discharge.

"This video is a great tool to promote responsible boating practices, the core of [The Bay Foundation's Boater Education Program](#)," says Victoria Gambale, TBF Water Quality Program Manager. "With nearly 4 million boaters throughout California, this short but thorough video helps us reach our geographically dispersed audience, as well as attract a younger demographic of boaters, or anyone preferring online education."

TBF continues to spearhead valuable, user-friendly online materials including the *Southern California Boater's Guide, When Nature Calls* (CA's vessel sewage guide) and, the new Pumpout Nav App, which helps boaters find a pumpout station to properly dispose of sewage. The app is available for iOS and Android, or [click here](#) for access to all the above-named tools.

TBF and the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways is also offering boaters the opportunity through Aug. 31 to receive a discounted mobile pumpout to properly dispose of sewage waste via the [Honey Pot Day](#) program.

The vessel sewage video is funded by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways Clean Vessel Act Education Program and a Federal Clean Vessel Act grant through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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About The Bay Foundation (TBF)

The Bay Foundation (TBF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental group founded in 1990 to restore and enhance the Santa Monica Bay and local coastal waters (from the LA-Ventura county line to the Palos Verdes Peninsula). The Bay Foundation is a partner in the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program along with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and many other organizations. TBF works collaboratively with a broad group of stakeholders, including government agencies, industry, environmental groups, and community members. TBF engages scientists and conducts research while mentoring student interns and volunteers in conjunction with the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering through the Coastal Research Institute at Loyola Marymount University. (TBF: www.santamonibay.org, CRI: lmu.edu/cri)

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