

## Dock Master

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### Directions:

Take US41 N heading to Port Charlotte.  
Turn right onto Olympia Ave.  
Take the first left on Nesbit St.  
Look for Laishley Park Entrance Signs



Federal Aid Project  
funded by your purchase  
of fishing equipment  
and motor boat fuels

“Clean Vessel Act pumpout  
service is provided in  
partnership with the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service and the Florida  
Inland Navigation District through  
the Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection.”

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## Charlotte County - Punta Gorda Marine Disposal Information

PUNTA GORDA

*Laishley Park*  
MUNICIPAL MARINA



### Pump Out Locations

Port Charlotte Canal  
Myakka River  
Alligator Creek  
Ponce Inlet  
Punta Gorda Waterfront  
Laishley Marina

Map - NOT for navigational purposes

## What is the Clean Vessel Act?

The Clean Vessel Act (CVA) provides funding for construction of pumpout and dump station facilities that will help ensure proper disposal of human sewage from recreational boats. The CVA was initially authorized by Congress in 1992 to be administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This Act provides over \$10 million of additional funds each year to keep alternatives available to prevent improper disposal of recreational boater sewage.



## Which crafts are required by Florida Statute 327.53 to have a working toilet on board when in state waters?

- Any vessel 26 feet or longer with an enclosed cabin and berthing facilities.
- Any houseboat, defined as a vessel used primarily as a residence and not moved for 21 out of 30 days in a county of this state.
- Any floating structure with enclosed living space with berthing facilities or work space with public access.

## Why Pumpout?

**It's the Law:** Federal law and Florida Statute 327.53 prohibits its discharging raw sewage in all fresh water or within coastal water limits; nine nautical miles in the Gulf of Mexico and three nautical miles in the Atlantic Ocean.

### Sewage in Waterways is a Health Hazard:

Sewage from boats contains disease-causing microorganisms that when discharged into waterways can impact the environment as well as human health. Untreated discharge from one weekend boater puts the same amount of bacterial pollution into the water as the treated sewage of 10,000 people. Typhoid, hepatitis, cholera, gastroenteritis and other waterborne diseases can be transmitted through contaminated waters and infected shellfish.

**To Protect the Environment:** Sewage reduces oxygen levels in the water that fish and

other aquatic species need to survive. Since the microorganisms within the sewage need oxygen, any discharge into waterways reduces the amount of oxygen

*Boaters and marinas have a unique opportunity to actually stop a type of water pollution that can harm the boating life we love. And, it's an easy fix—properly managing vessel sewage. It's something every boater and every marina can do right now to keep our waterways clean and improve Florida's water quality. Boaters can*



*do their part. Marinas can do theirs.*

available to fish and other aquatic life. Heavy nutrient loads in sewage also promote excessive algae growth preventing life-giving sunlight from reaching subsurface vegetation.

## What Do The Laws Say?

Crafts are required by Florida Statute 327.53 to have a working toilet on board when in State waters. Federal law prohibits the discharge of untreated sewage from vessels within navigable waters of the United States, which include territorial seas within **three miles of the Atlantic** and **nine miles of the Gulf shore** most bays and estuaries. Boats with Type I and II marine sanitation devices (MSD's) may discharge treated effluent in coastal waters unless they are in a no discharge area. 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.

## Tips to Reduce Sewage Discharge

- Use onshore public restrooms whenever possible before leaving for a boating trip, or during stops, instead of an onboard toilet.
- Know where your waste goes and make sure it does not go directly into the water.
- If you have a flow-through treatment system -Type I or Type II Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) - make sure it is working properly and that all your waste goes through the system. Install a holding tank - Type III MSD - and pump it out at one of hundreds of pumpout stations available throughout the state.
- If you have a Type III MSD check that the Y-valve is securely connected to the holding tank to ensure there is no discharge of raw sewage.
- Use enzyme-based products in your holding tank instead of deodorizers and disinfectants which contain chemicals harmful to aquatic life. Do not dispose of fats, solvents, oil, emulsifiers, disinfectants, paints, poisons, phosphates and/or diapers in your MSD.

