

BOATING ON THE BAY

IS GOOD CLEAN FUN.

Enjoying your time on the water while keeping Morro Bay clean and healthy is simple. We encourage you to use these bay-friendly boating practices and resources to preserve our bay for generations to come.



WHO IS AFFECTED?

Both treated and untreated sewage released into the water **affects the health of people, wildlife, and the environment.**

You can help protect us and our bay by keeping sewage in the holding tank until you use a pumpout station.

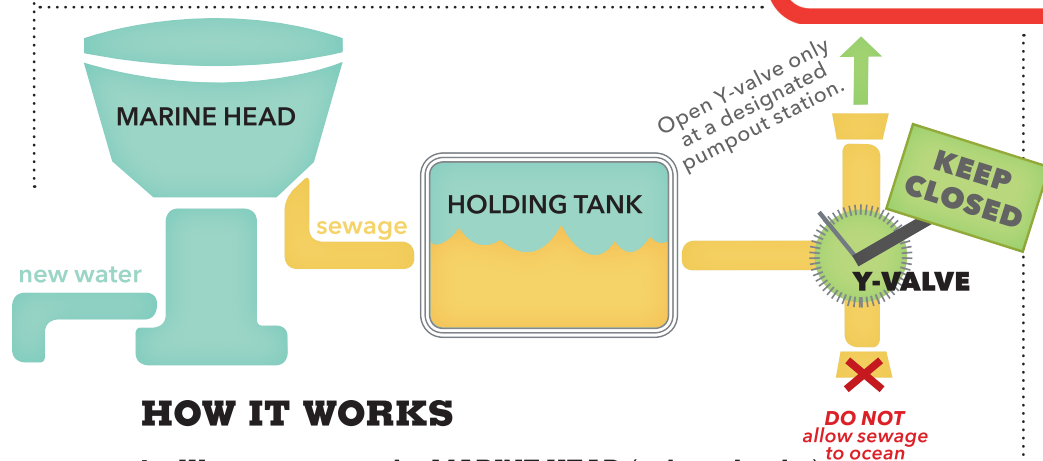
WHAT IS RELEASED when your Y-valve is open? SEWAGE.

Sewage can spread bacterial and viral diseases.

When **sewage breaks down**, it uses up oxygen in the water. This can make it hard for fish, shellfish, and other wildlife to get the oxygen they need to survive.

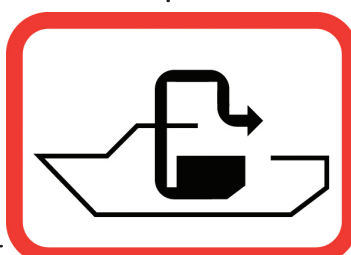
Sewage often floats, creating an unsightly and smelly mess on the water.

YOUR Y-VALVE HOW IT WORKS



HOW IT WORKS

1. Waste goes into the MARINE HEAD (onboard toilet).
2. Flushing sends sewage to the HOLDING TANK.
3. Sewage stays in holding tank until the Y-VALVE (the Y- or T-shaped part of the pipe) is opened. Keep the Y-valve closed.
4. Keep the Y-valve closed until you visit a designated PUMPOUT STATION for safe disposal!



HOW TO HELP USE PUMPOUT STATIONS

When it's time to empty the waste from your boat's holding tank, look for the pumpout station symbol. There are designated pumpout stations all along the California coast. **You will find two pumpout stations in Morro Bay.** Flip this page over to see a map of these pumpout spots and other resources designed to help boaters.

Disposing of sewage and other hazardous material properly ensures that you're following the law and keeping our bay clean, beautiful, and safe for all of us to enjoy.

Use dye tabs to make sure that your holding is leak-free and your Y-valve is closed. If you don't see dye in the water after you flush, you're in the clear.

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