

2026 Boater Kit Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions below. Your input helps improve the quality of environmental education in California.

Date: _____ Location where you received the boater kit and questionnaire: _____ (event name & city)

1. How long have you been boating?

_____ year(s) or _____ month(s)

2. What is your 5-digit home zip code?

3. What type of toilet is on your boat?

- ☐ Installed toilet ☐ Composting toilet
☐ Port-a-potty ☐ No toilet on board

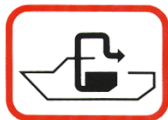
4. Facilities with this symbol can?

- ☐ Dispose of blackwater
☐ Accept used oil for recycling
☐ Use recycled water for irrigation
☐ Don't know



5. What pollutant can you properly dispose of where you see this symbol?

- ☐ Oily bilge water
☐ Sewage
☐ Trash
☐ Don't know



6. How do you clean oil that has leaked into the bilge or engine compartment? (Mark all that apply)

- ☐ Use rags/paper towels ☐ Use oil absorbents
☐ Use bilge cleaning products ☐ I don't clean it
☐ Use a bilge pumpout found at a marina
☐ Other:

7. It is illegal to dump treated boat sewage in which of the following locations? For example: Electro Scan, Macerator (Mark all that apply)

- ☐ Freshwater lakes, reservoirs or impoundments
☐ Rivers that don't support interstate traffic
☐ Yacht harbors or marinas
☐ No Discharge Zones
☐ All of the above
☐ None of the above
☐ Don't know

8. Which of the following may happen to those who discharge untreated boat sewage within the 3-mile territorial limit?

- ☐ Nothing - It is discouraged, not against the law
☐ Fine up to \$1000 ☐ Up to 6 months in jail
☐ Fine up to \$2000 ☐ Don't know

Please see reverse






9. Any discharge of oil or petroleum products into state waters should...

- ☐ Be reported only to the marina
- ☐ Be reported to both the National Response Center & CA Office of Emergency Services
- ☐ Not be reported, but make sure it is prevented in the future
- ☐ Don't know

Place
stamp
here

Pledge to Keep Our Waters Clean.

- ☐  Use cleaning products that are less toxic, biodegradable and phosphate free.
- ☐  Ditch the disposables for reusables.
- ☐  Use resources like the free Pumpout Nav app to know where to properly dispose of sewage.

FOLD

- ☐ **Optional.** YES! I would like to receive clean boating information in the future and a link for the California Boater Kit feedback survey and enter for the chance to receive a life jacket. A total of two life jacket winners will be randomly selected and notified in November 2026.

Name: _____

Email: _____

YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT! The CA Coastal Commission, the CA State Parks, The Bay Foundation, and our partners do not share information with any other company or organization.

Vivian Matuk
CA Coastal Commission / CA State Parks
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

