

# 2012 Keep Our Waters Clean Questionnaire and Pledge

Thank you for taking your time to answer the questions below. Your input will help us work toward improving environmental education in California.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location where you received the boater kit and questionnaire/pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

1. From whom did you receive the boater kit?

- Marina/Yacht club operator
- Dockwalker/Volunteer/Staff
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you been boating? \_\_\_\_\_ year(s)

3. What is your 5-digit home zip code? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

4. What type of boat(s) do you currently own?

- Ski boat/Run-about
- Cuddy cabin/Cruiser
- Fishing boat
- Motor yacht
- House boat
- Off-shore racer (cigarette boat)
- Sailboat with auxiliary motor
- Sailboat without auxiliary motor
- Personal watercraft (jet-ski)
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of toilet is on your boat?

- Installed toilet (**Go to question 6**)
- Port-a-potty (**Skip to question 7**)
- No toilet on board (**Skip to question 7**)

6. When using a sewage pump-out, how often...

a.  Not applicable, I use a mobile pump-out service. (**Go to question 7**)

	Never	Rarely	Half the Time	Most Often	Always
b. Is it broken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Is it closed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Do you wait in line?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Are you unable to find one?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Did you know this logo represents a location where you can drop off used motor oil?

- YES
- NO, but now I do!



8. Did you know this logo represents a location where you can safely pump-out your boat sewage?

- YES
- NO, but now I do!



9. Which of the following may happen to those who discharge untreated boat sewage overboard in California?

- Nothing – It is discouraged but not against the law
- Fine up to \$1100
- Up to 6 months in jail
- Fine up to \$2200
- Don't know

10. Which of the following may happen to those who discharge fuel, oil, oily wastes and hazardous substances into or upon navigable waters of US?

- Nothing-It is discouraged but not against the law
- Fine of up to \$10,000 plus the cost of the cleanup
- One to 15 years imprisonment
- Violators are liable for the cost of the clean up and are also subject to substantial civil and/or criminal penalties

11. It is illegal to use soaps or other dispersing agents to dissipate and/or mask oil on the water or in the bilge?

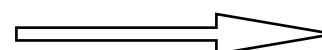
- TRUE
- FALSE

12. It is illegal to dump any garbage into the navigable waters of the State, including inland waters and up to three miles from shore?

- TRUE
- FALSE

**Thank you for your time, now you are ready to take the pledge for healthier waterways and to keep boating good, clean and fun!**

**Please See Reverse**



**2012 Keep Our Waters Clean Boater Pledge:** Please read and check the box next to each clean boating habit below.

**I Pledge to:**

- Avoid "topping off" the tank and leave it at least 10% empty to allow for fuel expansion.
- Keep an oil absorbent on board to catch fuel and oil drips, then dispose of it safely.
- Keep my engine tuned and operating at peak efficiency.
- Use oil absorbents in the bilge or beneath the engine to capture unexpected engine leaks and never pump oily bilge water overboard.
- Only discharge raw sewage using a pumpout, port-a-potty dump station, or mobile service and NEVER overboard.
- Use less toxic, biodegradable, and safer cleaning products to clean my boat.
- Properly dispose of hazardous wastes (i.e. used oil, oil filters, oil/fuel-saturated absorbents, solvent varnishes, bottom paints, batteries, antifreeze, solvents, zinc anodes, fluorescent lights, and propane tanks) at a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
- Stash trash onboard, recycle, and avoid using plastic bags.
- Never use soaps to remove any oil or fuel sheen on the surface of the water – it is illegal, bad for the environment, and toxic to wildlife.
- Save hull maintenance for the boatyard or hire a diver who uses environmentally sound practices for hull cleaning.
- Explore using nontoxic antifouling coatings that are less harmful to aquatic life.
- Review and implement the practices included in the educational materials found in my Clean Boating Kit.

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- YES! I would like to receive clean boating information in the future. Fill in Address/Email Below**

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