

The NJ Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program

NJ Clean Vessel Act Program wins national award!
 The States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) recently awarded the NJDEP Clean Vessel Act Program its Program Excellence Award in recognition of the work it is doing to protect and enhance water quality along the coast.

Established in 1994, the **New Jersey Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program** uses federal grants to fund 75 percent of the cost to install pump out boats or stations at marinas and public facilities along New Jersey's coastal waters.



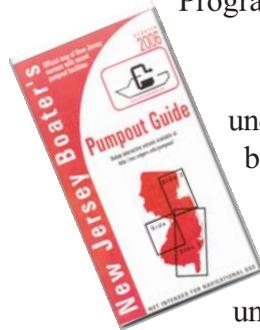
The remaining 25 percent is provided by the State of New Jersey through the **“Shore to Please” license plate program**. All of the Ocean County pump out boats were purchased entirely with grant funds provided through the Clean Vessel Act.

No-Discharge Zones

While the release of untreated sewage is prohibited within three miles of the coast, it is illegal to discharge even treated effluent in No-Discharge Zones. In the Ocean County area, the Manasquan River, Barnegat Bay and the Little Egg Harbor Bay have been designated No-Discharge Zones by the US EPA.

For more information on the CVA Program, NJ pump out boats, or to obtain a copy of the *NJ Boaters Pumpout Guide*, log onto www.njfishandwildlife.com/cvahome.htm. For more information on the Ocean County pump out boats and a list of land-based pump out stations, go to: www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/coastal.htm.

Pump out facilities provide the most effective means for emptying holding tanks and are critical in No-Discharge Zones. About seventy-five marinas in Ocean County now maintain land based pump out stations for this purpose. A majority of these were installed with grants from the NJ Clean Vessel Act Program.



If a pump out is installed under the CVA Program, it must be available to the general boating public for no more than \$5 per pump out, for at least 5 years. The program operates under the administration of the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife.



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Program Partners



The Freeholders would like to acknowledge the efforts of Paul “Pete” McLain, an early advocate of establishing the pumpout program.

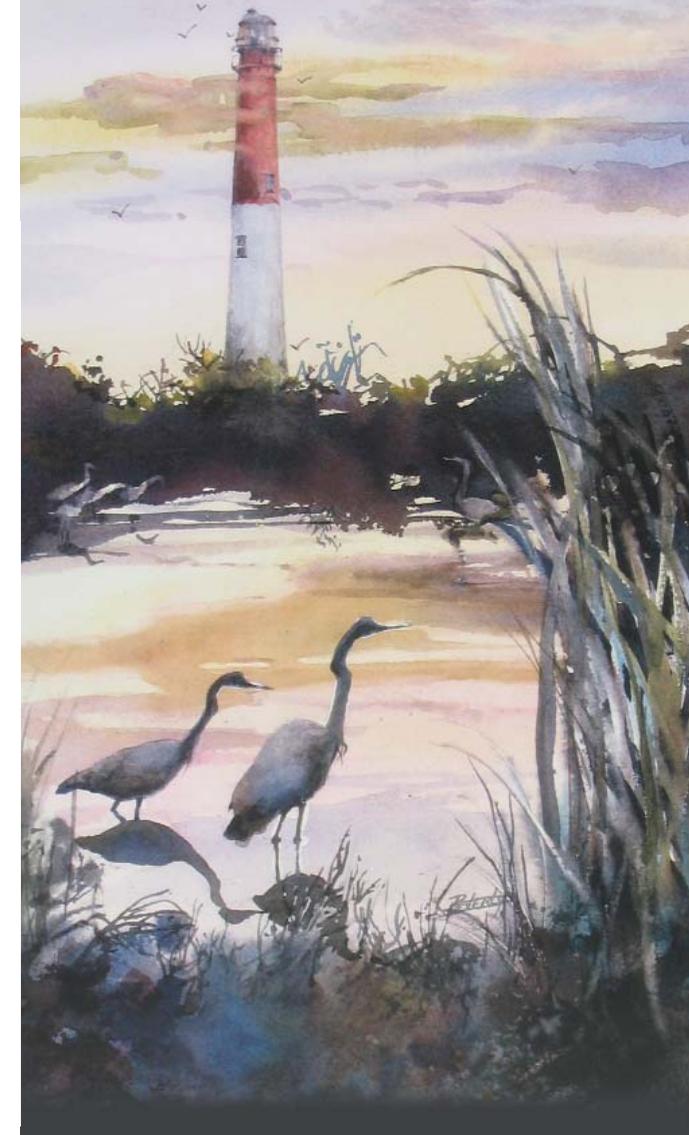
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Ocean County Pump Out Boats



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The pump out boat fleet plays a vital role in protecting the inter-coastal waters of Ocean County. Our bays and rivers are both environmental and recreational treasures which the County of Ocean is committed to enhance and protect."

Joseph H. Vicari
Freeholder Director

Overview

Pump out boats provide a convenient method of emptying the wastewater holding tanks and portable toilets of boats.

Funding to operate the vessels is provided by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Ocean County Utilities Authority and the NJDEP.



* For a list of land-based pump out facilities, visit the Planning Department website: www.planning.co.ocean.nj.us/coastal.htm or visit the online interactive NJ Pumpout Guide at <http://ims.rutgers.edu/pumpout>.

How to Contact the Pump Out Boats

The pump out boats typically operate from Memorial Day weekend through early October. The boats are usually in service Friday through Monday from 10:00am to 6:00pm and can be contacted on the marine VHF radio channel 9 by identifying the boat, its location and service requested. The boats are also in operation on holidays and special events.



This ensures that the service can be provided free of charge to boaters.

The pump out boats supplement a large number of land-based units now in service in Ocean County waters.*

The boats have been highly successful in addressing the needs of non-marina based boats, such as those moored in open waters or in lagoon developments.

Since the first boat began operation, over 672,000 gallons of wastewater have been removed from recreational vessels.

Circle of Life / Water Warrior

Borough of Seaside Park: 732-793-3700

Waste Watcher/Bay Sweeper

Waste Watcher: 609-760-6042

Bay Sweeper: 267-250-0696

Tuckerton Seaport: 609-296-8868

Bay Saver

Bay Saver cell: 732-779-5876

Brick Township Public Works: 732-262-1085



2011 Ocean County Pumpout Boat fleet

Ocean County's five pumpout boats offer their services to the boating public free of charge from May to October.

Circle of Life

Serving Central Barnegat Bay

The first pumpout boat in NJ, the "Circle of Life," is owned and operated by the Borough of Seaside Park, and is entering its 13th year of service off of Island Beach State Park, in central Barnegat Bay.

Since 1998, about 15,800 boats were serviced, removing more than 256,000 gallons of effluent.

Water Warrior

The Water Warrior was added to the fleet in 2008 and services the busy Silver Bay area of the Bay.



Bay Saver

Serving Northern Barnegat Bay

The "Bay Saver" is operated by the Township of Brick and services northern Barnegat Bay and tidal portions of the Metedeconk River. Since 2003, it serviced almost 11,000 boats, pumping about 232,000 gallons of waste.



Bay Sweeper

Serving Little Egg Harbor Bay area



The newest addition to the pumpout fleet is operated by the Tuckerton Seaport and services the southern portion of the Barnegat Bay.

In keeping with tradition, local school-children named the new boat in a contest.

Waste Watcher

The "Waste Watcher," which is owned by the County of Ocean and operated by the Tuckerton Seaport, services the Little Egg Harbor



Bay area. Since it started operations in 2001, over 6,100 boats were serviced, removing more than 146,000 gallons of effluent.