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NY/NJ Baykeeper Offers Free Pumpouts to NY and NJ Boaters

Pumpouts offered in an effort to reduce water pollution

KEYPORT, NJ (June 12, 2017) - NY/NJ Baykeeper's fleet of pumpout boats are now servicing Jamaica Bay, Sheepshead Bay, Sandy Hook Bay, Raritan Bay, the Shrewsbury River, and the Navesink River. These waterways fall victim to pollution due to the large number of recreational boats using the waterways. With increased use of the water by recreational boaters, raw sewage pollution has become a serious problem. Discharging raw sewage into the water can cause algae blooms, which deplete the oxygen in the water causing fish to die.

To prevent this pollution, NY/NJ Baykeeper offers convenient and environmentally friendly free pumpouts to recreational boaters. In 2016, NY/NJ Baykeeper diverted 32,000 gallons of waste through the pumpout program.

Jamaica Bay and Sheepshead Bay:

Boaters can call 732-337-9262 or channel 9 (if Baykeeper vessel is in sight) on the water.

New Jersey Bayshore (Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays)

Boaters can call 732-832-1499 or channel 9 (if Baykeeper vessel is in sight) on the water.

Navesink River and Shrewsbury River

Since 2015, NY/NJ Baykeeper has operated the *Royal Flush* Pumpout Boat, in partnership with Monmouth County Health Department. Boaters can call 732-890-6142 or channel 9 (if the *Royal Flush* is in sight) on the water.

For more information about the *Royal Flush*, [click here.](#)

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About NY/NJ Baykeeper

NY/NJ Baykeeper is the citizen advocate of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary. Since 1989, we've worked to protect, preserve, and restore the environment of the most urban estuary on Earth – benefiting its natural and human communities. Through our Estuary-wide programs we seek to end pollution, improve public access, conserve and restore public lands, restore aquatic habitats, encourage appropriate and discourage inappropriate development, carry out public education, and work with federal and NY/NJ state regulators and citizen groups as partners in planning for a sustainable future for the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary watershed. Learn more at www.nynjbaykeeper.org.