Salem Sound No Discharge Area (NDA)

To ALL BOATERS using the waters of Salem Sound:

Effective June 23, 2008, the coastal waters of Marblehead, Salem, Danvers, Beverly, and Manchester-by-the-Sea became a Federal/State No Discharge Area.

The overboard discharge of ALL BOAT SEWAGE is prohibited, even if treated! All commercial and recreational vessel sewage must be discharged to a pump-out facility or outside the NDA – beyond 3-miles.

Boats with Type I and Type II Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs) can no longer discharge treated effluent anywhere within Salem Sound.

What to Do When Boating in NDA Waters:

Boaters with Type I or Type II MSDs must do one of the following:
1) close the seacock and remove the handle
2) fix the seacock in the closed position with a padlock or non-releasable wire-tie
3) lock the door to the space enclosing the toilet with a padlock or door handle key lock.

Type III MSD (holding tank) must be secured by either:
1) closing each valve leading to an overboard discharge
2) padlocking each valve in the closed position
3) using a non-releasable wire-tie to hold each valve leading to an overboard discharge in the closed position.

The NDA requires you to PUMP It, not Dump It!

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