

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1660-2-11  
RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING MARINE SANITATION**

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**1660-2-11-.01 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) “Marine Sanitation” as used in these rules shall apply to waste associated with marine heads on vessels.
- (2) Marine Sanitation Device shall mean any device on board a vessel which is designed to retain, treat, or discharge waste associated with a marine head.
- (3) Commercial Facility: For the purpose of meeting the provisions of the marine sanitation law, a commercial facility shall be defined as one which received a fee or other consideration as payment for housing, storing, or mooring a vessel for a period of time exceeding 24 hours.
- (4) Inoperable device: A device or system is considered inoperable when it can not be readily placed back in service.
  - (a) Examples of an inoperable device are:
    1. systems on which Y valves have been secured in a position which prohibits improper discharge of waste. Y valves will be considered “secured” when held in the closed position by non-releasing wire ties or seals as furnished by the Wildlife Resources Agency.
    2. systems where wiring has been removed in such a way that the device cannot readily be reconnected for use.
    3. systems where hoses have been removed so that overboard discharge of untreated sewage on discharge lakes, or overboard discharge of any kind on no discharge lakes is not possible.
    4. Removal of the “installed” head.
  - (b) Methods such as removal of fuses, locking doors which provide access to the head, and removal of Y valve handles shall not be considered as making a device or system inoperable.

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**1660-2-11-.02 MARINE AND DOCK COMPLIANCE.**

- (1) Marinas and docks shall be deemed in compliance of the marine sanitation law when they:
  - (a) have on file an affidavit stating they do not house, store, or moor vessels which have holding tanks; or

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- (b) provide a pump-out service subject to the provisions of 1660-2-110.02 or
  - (c) have on file a current and valid agreement with another marina as in 1660-2-11-.02(3)(c).
- (2) Marinas which provide a pumpout service shall adhere to the following provisions:
  - (a) The service shall be available during normal business hours including holidays.
  - (b) Marinas which cease operations during specific days or months shall notify their constituents (including those which they have acquired through contract with another marina) in advance of the closing dates. During the closure period, marinas shall have in place a system whereby vessels moored at their facility can arrange for pumpout service with at least a (5) day notice.
- (3) A marina may contract with another marina or pumping service subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) the marina which agrees to provide the service shall have an approved system as outlined in 1660-2-11.02(2).
  - (b) contracting marinas shall not be farther apart than (4) water miles and accessible in a way that does not require vessels to be trailered or use a navigation lock.
  - (c) Contracts with pump out services not located at marinas shall assure that services are available as in 1660-2-11-.02(2) above and that service can be provided within 30 minutes upon request by the boater.

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#### **1660-2-11-.03 VESSEL COMPLIANCE.**

- (1) Vessels shall be deemed in compliance of the marine sanitation law when:
  - (a) the vessel does not have an installed head.
  - (b) the vessel is equipped with a holding tank which is constructed or secured in such a way that overboard discharge of sewage is not possible.
  - (c) The vessel is operating on waters designated as “approved for overboard discharge of marine waste” and has an operate U.S. Coast Guard approved Type 1 or 2 marine sanitation device attached to installed marine head.
  - (d) The vessel is operating on waters designated as “no discharge for marine waste” and has rendered inoperable any system that would allow overboard discharge of sewage.

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