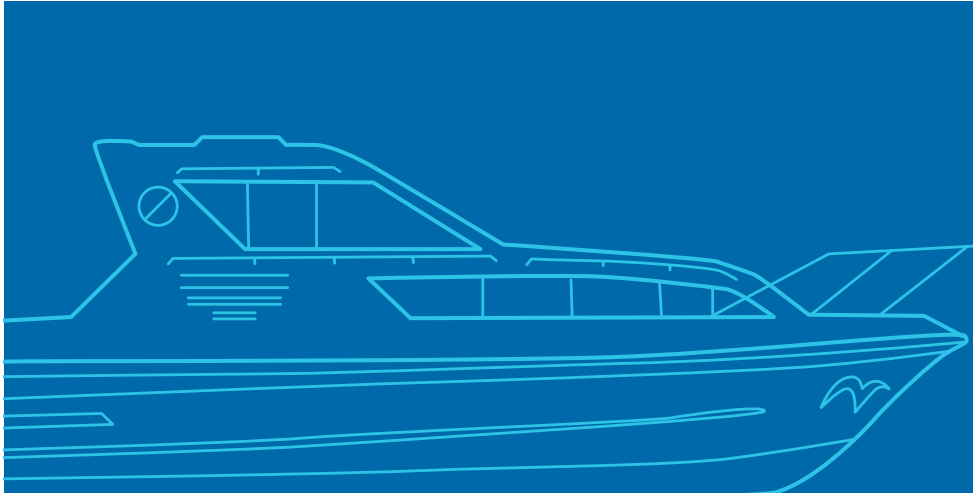




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Correct disposal of sewage from boats

A boater's guide to the Broads
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Discharging sewage from boats is not acceptable

We have become aware that there are some boats within the Broads that discharge their sewage into the water.

The Broads are used by many people, for example canoeists, sailors and anglers, and are a fantastic habitat for wildlife. Any raw sewage discharged from boats into the Broads results in poorer water quality and bacterial contamination and this is

not only unacceptable but also very unpleasant.

This leaflet aims to ensure that you are aware of regulations that control sewage discharge and the facilities available for correct disposal.

The law

A 1960s bylaw states that it is illegal to discharge sewage from a mechanically propelled boat into the water in the Broads.

The only exception is for a boat which 'ordinarily voyages seaward past the port of Great Yarmouth'. However, we would ask that boats that do go out to sea either use land-based pump-out facilities or, if essential, discharge their sewage out at sea rather than within the Broads.

In summary, boats on the Broads should avoid discharging their sewage directly into the water.

Any person found to be the owner or hirer of a boat which illegally discharges sewage could face action by the Environment Agency. This could result in a maximum £2,500 fine.

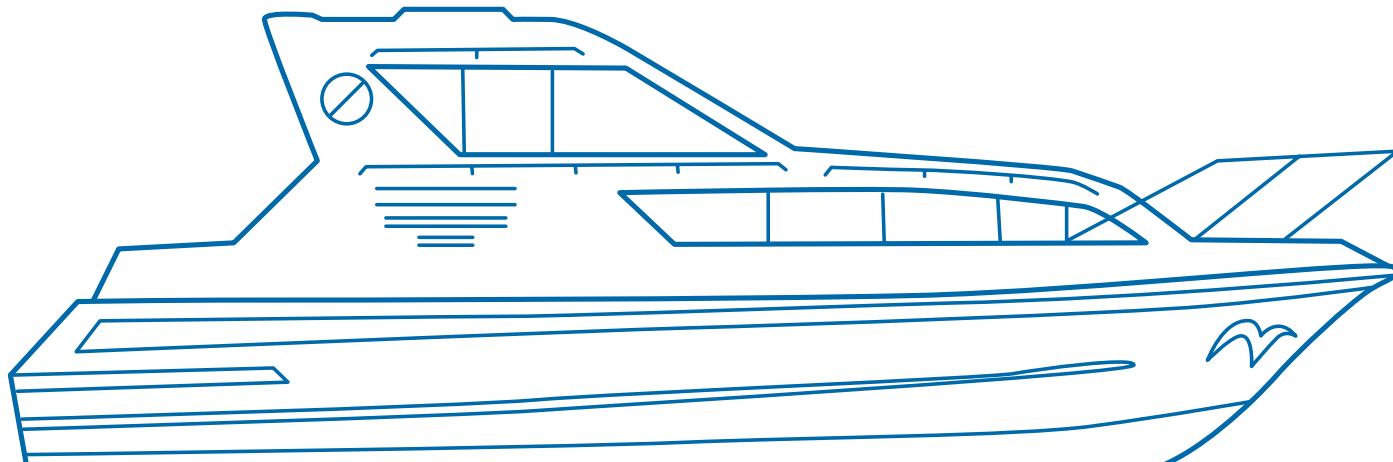
Sewage systems on boats

If your boat has a dual facility (i.e. sea toilet & holding tank) then please ensure that the changeover valve is set to collect sewage into the holding tank whilst in the Broads.

Boat Safety Scheme

The Boat Safety Scheme requires toilets and holding tank systems, which have an overboard discharge line, to have a valve fitted to this discharge line.

Whilst in the Broads, boat users must still ensure that sewage is discharged to the holding tank only.



What to do if you see a discharge of sewage

We are working with the Broads Authority to raise awareness amongst boat users and to ensure that any reports of discharges of sewage from boats are reported and investigated.

If you do see any boats illegally discharging their sewage, please let us or the Broads Authority know, on our contact numbers below. We would need to know the registration number of the boat and details of when, where and what you saw.

We are also working to reduce other forms of pollution entering the Broads, including soil and nutrients

from fields and roads and making sure that other discharges, such as from sewage treatment plants, comply with regulations.

The Environment Agency contact number for pollution reports (24 hrs) 0800 807060

The Broads Authority contact number 01603 610734

Toilet disposal and pump out facilities

Please find below a list of the pump out facilities within the Broads. These vary in price, but on average, cost would be £8-10 per pump out.

		Telephone	Pump out	Chemical toilet
Acle Bridge	Anchor Craft	01493 750500	Yes	No
	Bridge Craft	01493 750378	Yes	No
	Horizon Craft	01493 750283	Yes	No
Beccles	Aston Boats Limited, Bridge Wharf	01502 713960	Yes	Yes
	H E Hipperson Limited, Waveney Wharf	01502 712166	Yes	No
Brundall	Alexander Cruisers	01603 715048	Yes	No
	Alphacraft	01603 713265	Yes	No
	Bees Boats Brundall	01603 713446	Yes	No
	Broom Boats	01603 712334	Yes	No
	Buccaneer Boats Limited	01603 712057	Yes	No
	Fencraft	01603 715011	Yes	Yes
	Freshwater Cruisers	01603 717355	Yes	Yes
	Harbour Cruisers	01603 712146	Yes	Yes
	Silverline Marine	01603 712247	Yes	No
	Swancraft Cruisers	01603 712362	Yes	No
Willow Cruisers	01603 713952	Yes	No	
Burgh Castle	Burgh Castle Marine	01493 780331	No	Yes
	Goodchild Marine, Site Burgh Castle Yacht Station	01493 782301	Yes	No
Burgh St Peter	Waveney River Centre	01502 677343	Yes	Yes
Geldeston	Rowancraft Limited, Staithe Yard Big Row	01508 518208	Yes	Yes
Hickling	Whispering Reeds	01692 598314	Yes	No
Horning	Ferry Boatyard	01692 630392	Yes	Yes
	Boulter Marine	01692 630498	Yes	Yes
Hoveton	Brinkcraft Limited, Riverside Road	01603 782333	Yes	No
	Fineway Cruisers, The Rhond	01603 782309	Yes	No
Loddon	Gale Cruisers, The Pits, Chedgrave	01508 520300	Yes	Yes

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Loddon Continued	Greenway Marine Limited, Chet Yacht Station	01508 520397	Yes	Yes
	Loddon Boatyard	01508 528735	Yes	Yes
	Maffett Cruisers, The Pits, Chedgrave	01508 520344	Yes	Yes
	Princess Cruisers, Bridge Street, Chedgrave	01508 520353	Yes	Yes
	Walklin Cruisers, DF Smith Yard, Chedgrave	01508 520649	Yes	Yes
Ludham	Ludham Boat Services, Ludham Bridge	01692 630486	Yes	Yes
	Broadwater Boats, Ryder Marine U.K	01692 678040	Yes	No
Martham	Martham Boatbuilding Co	01493 740249	Yes	Yes
	Martham Ferry, 31 Somerton Road	01493 740303	Yes	No
Oulton Broad	Broadland Holiday Village, Marsh Road	01502 573033	Yes	No
	Hampton Boats Limited, Caldecott Road	01502 574896	Yes	No
Potter Heigham	Herbert Woods Limited	01692 670711	Yes	Yes
	Maycraft	01692 670241	Yes	Yes
Reedham	Ferry Inn	01493 700429	No	Yes
	Pearson Marine Craft, Riverside	01493 700288	Yes	Yes
	Sanderson Marine, Riverside	01493 700242	Yes	No
St Olaves	Castle Craft Limited, Maritime Office, Reed Lane	01493 488675	Yes	No
Somerleyton	Crown Cruisers	01502 730335	Yes	No
South Walsham	R & J Russell	01603 270262	Yes	Yes
Stalham	Richardsons (Pleasure Craft), The Staithe	01692 581081	Yes	Yes
	Moonfleet Marine Ltd, The Staithe	01692 580288	Yes	No
	Sutton Staithe Boatyard	01692 581653	Yes	No
Thorpe	High Craft	01603 701701	Yes	Yes
	Kingfisher Cruisers, Bungalow Lane	01603 437682	Yes	Yes
Upton	Eastwood Whelpton, Upton	01493 750430	No	Yes
Wroxham	Broads Tours, The Bridge	01603 782207	Yes	No
	Moore & Co, Grange Walk	01603 783311	Yes	No
	Royall & Son Limited, Riverside Road	01603 782743	Yes	No
	Sabena Marine	01603 782552	Yes	Yes
	Summercraft, Fleetway House, Brimbelow Road	01603 782809	Yes	Yes

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