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The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) and California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Provide Free Sewage Mobile Pumpout Services for Boaters in the Delta

Sewage related human health concerns and environmental impacts are hampering the ability of recreational boaters to enjoy the. Nutrients in both treated and untreated sewage can lead to massive blooms of algae and invasive plant species, making boat launch ramps slippery and confining waterways. Pathogens from sewage can negatively impact the local wildlife and can cause those in contact with the polluted water to become sick.

During holiday events like the Fourth of July, large numbers of boaters congregate for weekends to enjoy the beautiful Delta waterways, increasing the potential net impact of sewage discharge. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) and California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) partnered with local mobile pumpout company Septic Brothers to provide free pumpouts to boaters this Fourth of July. Septic Brothers pumped out boats around Mandeville Island, Three Rivers Reach and Delta Yacht Club. In addition to receiving the free pumpouts, boaters were educated about the impacts of sewage discharges, given tips on how their sewage system works on their boat and were informed on how to safely dispose of sewage in the future.

The event was a success, with 50 boats serviced and a total of 3,075 gallons of sewage properly disposed of. In the future, DBW and SFEP encourages boaters that are enjoying weekends in the Delta to dispose of their sewage properly by calling a local mobile pumpout company or by visiting marinas that have sewage pumpouts. These locations can be found in the Delta Pumpout Guide and Map for Boaters, available in marinas or online at [SFEP's website](#).

For additional information on vessel pumpouts, visit:
<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/Environmental/DATP/>

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