COMPLIMENTARY DYE TABLETS *FOR YOUR* VESSEL HOLDING TANK

These complimentary dye tablets are provided for self-evaluation of your boat holding tank and sewage management system. If you encounter a leak, don't panic! Contact the marina management right away, and they will work with you to fix the problem. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is committed to clean water and encourages boaters to participate in this self-inspection program. **Sewage discharge detected under this program will not result in a citation**, however the boater must address any sewage discharge from their vessel as soon as possible.

Marina del Rey Harbor is one of the world's largest man-made small craft harbors. Limited tidal movement in this harbor results in frequent ecological impairments from bacteria, oil, trash, and other pollutants. Marina "Mother's" Beach and the back basins of Marina del Rey Harbor are included on California's list of "impaired water bodies" due to high bacterial concentrations (Los Angeles County Public Works, 2006). For the 5th consecutive year, Marina "Mother's" Beach made the Beach Bummers list at No. 9 (Heal the Bay Report Card, 2017).

There are various possible sources of bacteria in the harbor: bird droppings, urban runoff, municipal sewage leaks, and sewage discharge from marine sanitation devices. To raise awareness about all sources of harmful bacteria in the harbor, The Bay Foundation is partnering with Marina del Rey facility managers, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways to implement this self-assessment dye-tablet program.

It only takes a moment to check your boat's sewage management system. **And it's free!** We thank you in advance in helping to keep our waters and Harbor clean.

Sewage spreads disease

Human waste contains bacteria, viruses, and parasites. Coming in contact with water that has been contaminated by human waste can make you sick. Help protect our first responders, in-water hull cleaners, and kids swimming at Marina "Mother's" Beach by ensuring your sewage management system operates properly.

Sewage impacts nutrient levels in water

Although the volume of waste from a boat is small, it is concentrated and requires a high amount of oxygen to decompose in the water. Excess phosphorus and nitrogen from sewage contribute to harmful algae blooms that also drain oxygen supply in the water. Depleted oxygen levels make it difficult for fish and other aquatic life to survive.

Floating sewage is... just gross

It takes away our enjoyment on the water, impacting recreational activities and our local economy.

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