

Title: Pumpout Boat Operator

Purpose: Operate the West/Rhode Riverkeeper pumpout boat to ensure proper sewage disposal in the watershed.

Description of Duties: Volunteers will operate pumpout boat twice per week by responding to calls from boat owners and dropping by West/Rhode marinas for unscheduled pumpout service.

Qualifications: Volunteers must have a Maryland Boater's License, have tolerance working with sewage, have availability during daylight hours on weekdays, and complete training from the Riverkeeper before volunteer service begins.

Time Requirements:

- Season → Season will last from late-March to early-October
- Weekly → Must be available 1-2 days per week.
- Hours → Must be available during prime boating hours, preferably in the afternoon.

Orientation/Training: If Volunteer does not have a Maryland Boater's License, one must be obtained by enrollment and satisfactory completion of exam. Additionally, Pumpout Boat Operator must be trained to operate the pumpout system by the Riverkeeper.

Benefits: The Pumpout Program is our biggest conservation program to date. Thousands of pounds of sewage each year are properly disposed by the Riverkeeper; in the past, boat owners dumped sewage wherever they felt necessary. The Pumpout Boat Operator will be out on the water twice a week, working with local marinas and boat owners, and will be providing our most significant environmental service for the community.

Reporting Procedures: Volunteers will report their hours and data sheets to the Volunteer Coordinator after each period of service. Included in reported data will be the number of boats and amount of sewage pumped. Data will be recorded on the Riverkeeper website and used for publicity of West/Rhode Riverkeeper's conservation efforts.

Location: Volunteers will operate pumpout boat that is located in Parrish Creek at the Discovery Village office. The location of pumpout services will be at West/Rhode marinas and private docks. Private dock services will be only be made upon request but marina visits will be frequent stops.

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