

Marine Sanitation Device (toilet system)

Links to applicable regulations

- [33 CFR 159.7\(b\)](#) - securing type I and II devices
[33 CFR 159.7\(c\)](#) - securing type III devices
[40 CFR 140.3\(b\)\(2\)](#) - areas discharge is allowed
[No discharge zones web site](#)
[40 CFR 140.4](#) - states right to prohibit discharge

Checklist for this item

	When operating inside 3nm from shore any vessel with an installed toilet must be Coast Guard certified. There are 3 types of certification
	Type I and Type II treat sewage before discharge.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These must have a label which states the Coast Guard approval number and manufacturers information. The label must state the device is certified to meet Coast Guard requirements.
	Type III is a holding tank. This type device is self certified and consists of a pipe running directly from the toilet to a holding tank.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The tank may run up to the deck for pumping to a sewage facility at the dock, or
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It may run out the side of the vessels hull for dumping while at sea. This type installation must have a shut off valve located in the pipe between the tank and before going overboard.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This valve MUST be SECURED when operating in U.S. Territorial waters (inside 3nm from shore or on inland waters).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The method of securing the value is by closing and locking the valve with a lock, chain, electric tie wrap or wire tie.

No discharge zones

The EPA has identified waters that are classified as no discharge zones. You **cannot** pump **treated** or untreated sewage overboard in a no discharge zone.