



To contact the Stratford Pumpout Boat and arrange for a pumpout of your vessel while the Pumpout Boat is on the water,

CALL THE STRATFORD PUMPOUT BOAT on VHF CHANNEL 68.

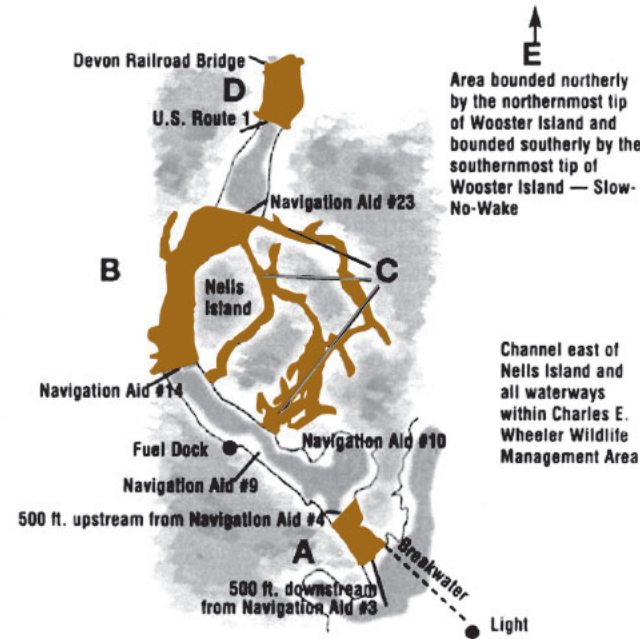
The Pumpout Boat operators will respond to your call and inform you of their current location and an estimate of the time (ETA) that they can get to your vessel to pump out your holding tanks.

You may also contact the Stratford Pumpout Boat on VHF Channel 68 to arrange for a pumpout at a future date or to get other information about the Stratford Pumpout Boat Program, such as current daily operation schedules and marina visitation schedules.

#### PROCEDURE FOR GETTING A FREE PUMPOUT

- NOTIFY THE PUMPOUT BOAT OF YOUR NEED FOR A PUMPOUT ON VHF CHANNEL 68, AS NOTED ABOVE, AND GIVE THE OPERATOR YOUR LOCATION (MARINA & SLIP DESIGNATION).
- THE PUMPOUT BOAT OPERATOR WILL TELL YOU WHEN THE BOAT WILL BE FREE TO PUMPOUT YOUR HOLDING TANK (USUALLY WITHIN OR LESS THAN ONE HOUR).
- NOTE: THE PUMPOUT BOAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SERVICE YOUR BOAT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN A SLIP ON THE HOUSATONIC RIVER AND THE TIDE IS GOING OUT WITH A VERY FAST CURRENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE, YOU MAY EITHER WAIT FOR THE EBB TIDE, OR ARRANGE TO MEET THE PUMPOUT BOAT AT ONE OF ITS FOUR MOORING LOCATIONS.
- WHEN THE PUMPOUT BOAT IS WITHIN RANGE OF YOUR BOAT, REMOVE THE DECK PIPE WASTE CAP.
- THE PUMPOUT BOAT OPERATOR WILL ATTACH THE PUMPOUT HOSE TO THE DECK FITTING AND PUMP OUT THE HOLDING TANK.

## The Housatonic River



### *On the Housatonic. . .*

Operate your vessel in a manner so not to interfere with all other vessels, structures and people.

Always have due regard for conditions and circumstances such as weather, current, visibility, water depth, width of channel, proximity to shore, water hazards, vessel traffic and water use.

When passing a marina, yacht club, fuel dock, an area in which boats are docked, at anchor, being launched, retrieved or at a congested area, operate your vessel at no greater than **Slow-No-Wake**.

Caution: No wake in area of navigational aids #9 & #10. A fuel dock is located on the west side of the river.

**■ = Slow-No-Wake Areas: A, B, C, D & E**  
Vessels shall travel no greater than 6 miles per hour and at a speed that produces no more than a minimum wake.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WAKE AND ANY DAMAGE IT CAUSES.**

# WORKING TO MAKE STRATFORD'S WATERFRONT AN ENJOYABLE AND VALUABLE RESOURCE



#### COMMISSIONERS:

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**A message from Bill Rock  
Chairman, Stratford Waterfront and Harbor  
Management Commission**

*The Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission is responsible for all activity from mean high water to the center of the channel and waters immediately off the Stratford Coast as well as the development of waterside properties along the Stratford Waterfront. This includes the waters of the Housatonic River, the Long Island Sound shore line and Lewis's gut.*

*State Statute established the Stratford Waterfront Authority in 1957. It was joined in 1988 by the establishment of the Stratford Harbor Management Commission creating the combined Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission.*

*As the Harbor Management Commission it handles the facilities that are under its jurisdiction. As the Waterfront Authority, it has powers vested by the state of Connecticut and endorsed by the Town of Stratford dealing primarily with any and all construction that borders the shoreline as designated by the State Coastal Management Act.*

*One of the commission's primary areas of jurisdiction is the Birdseye Street Launching complex, which includes the launching ramps, docks, fishing pier, Coast Guard Auxiliary dock, refreshment stand and parking lot. The commission issues launching permits, and maintains the facility. It also has jurisdiction of three other launching ramps. They include Breakwater Key, bonds dock and the foot of Broad Street.*

*We own the harbormaster vessel which is operated by a state appointed harbormaster who executes the directives of our commission in addition to state boating regulations. The Commission also owns, operates, and maintains a pump out boat. We partner with the State of Connecticut in one of the most successful pump out programs in the State.*

*The commission is also the steward of the Stratford Water Safety Plan, which is an initiative promoting cooperation among the safety entities on Stratford's waterways. Included are the Stratford Police Marine Unit, the Stratford Fire Marine Unit, the Harbormaster and the Stratford Flotilla of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.*

*The Stratford Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission is working to make our waterfront a safer and more enjoyable and valuable part of the town of Stratford.*

*Bill Rock*

**The Birdseye St. Launching Complex**

The Birdseye St. Launching Complex is composed of the launching ramp, on and off-loading docks, fishing piers, Coast Guard Auxiliary building, refreshment stand and parking lot. Launching permits may be obtained at the Stratford Recreation Department, 1 Dorne Drive, Stratford and Stratford Bait and Tackle, 1076 Stratford Avenue, Stratford, 06615.

The stickers permit unlimited yearround use of the Town's boat launching and hauling facilities.



*Photo submitted by Morgan Kaolian/Areo, Inc.*



**Harbor Master**

The Stratford Harbor Master is the caretaker of the Housatonic River and surrounding waters. His main concern is safety on the water and your co-operation would be welcomed by obeying the wake and speed restrictions and operating your vessel in a prudent way so as not to interfere with your fellow boaters, structures, or people along the shore. Please refer to page 56 in the Connecticut Boaters Guide for additional information concerning the Housatonic River. A copy of the guide can be secured at your local marina or from the Harbor Master.

Concerning homeland security, the Coast Guard has established a Coastwatch program that encourages boaters to keep a close eye on local waters and to be on the lookout for anything out of the ordinary.

**Report the following...**

- ✓ Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities
- ✓ Individuals establishing roadside stands near marina or other waterfront facilities.
- ✓ Unknown persons photographing or creating diagrams
- ✓ Unknown or suspicious persons loitering for extended periods of time.
- ✓ Unknown or suspicious persons renting watercraft
- ✓ Suspicious vendors attempting to sell/deliver goods or drop off packages

**Vessels that...**

- ✓ Circle in and around pilings, particularly near commercial traffic.
- ✓ Loiter offshore, near commercial/passenger vessel activities.

**Other Items**

- ✓ Suspicious activity or attachments to bridges and overpasses
- ✓ Vendors or roadside food stands recently established near commercial/passenger terminals or waterside facilities.

Boaters who spot any of the above activities should call the Coast Guard, the local police or the **National Response Center's Terrorist Hotline at (800) 424-8802.**

If you have questions, please call the  
**Harbor Master at  
381-2049 or cell 895-7487.**