

# part nine pollution

Sheet Bend

There is an ever-growing interest in improving our waterways environment and some suggestions that boats can be a potential threat to water quality. This part of the Standards aims to ensure that our waterways are kept clean and pollution-free.



# pollution

Any sewage discharge into a watercourse is offensive and is usually illegal. To minimise the risk of a boat's toilet system creating pollution, it is recommended that toilet systems that discharge human waste directly into the water can be sealed off.

Sealing a toilet system can usually be achieved by either sealing the sea-cock in a closed position or by fixing heavy-duty tape over the bowl or lid of the appliance.

To minimise pollution, and the risk of the holding tank imploding, it is recommended that the toilet system is constructed to a recognised Standard, i.e. BS EN ISO 8099.

If large quantities of fuel or other substances escape into a watercourse you should contact the Environment Agency Pollution Hotline on 0800 80 70 60 (24hrs) or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency on 0345 73 72 71. [9.1]

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Need more help or advice? Refer to Standards in the appendix page 15.

For more technical information refer to:

- 🔗 BS EN ISO 8099 "Small Craft – Toilet waste retention systems".
- 🔗 British Standards are available from: BSi Customer Services, Tel: 020 8996 9001, Email [orders@bsi-global.com](mailto:orders@bsi-global.com), [www.bsi-global.com](http://www.bsi-global.com)

Owners of boats based in, or visiting, an inland waterway are advised to check with the relevant navigation authority concerning any restriction in place in respect of sea toilets capable of discharging directly overboard.

Examiners are not required to render sea toilets inoperable, however some navigation authorities require owners to inform them of the presence of sea toilets.



# part nine checklist

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- 9.1 *sanitation system – capable of being sealed or rendered inoperable*   
*sanitation system complies with BS MA 101\**
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Check List items in bold are Mandatory  
*Check List items in italic are Advisory*

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\*EXEMPTION AVAILABLE

