



OFFICE OF **BOATING SAFETY**
BUREAU DE LA **SÉCURITÉ NAUTIQUE**

Important Notice Regarding Pleasure Craft Sewage Discharge

May 5th, 2012 - The 5 year phase in period for black water holding tank requirements comes to an end. You must be in compliance by this date!

In most areas the discharge of raw sewage (black water) is prohibited.

According to the *Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and for Dangerous Chemicals*:

- Untreated sewage may be discharged not less than three nautical miles from shore.
- Treated sewage may be discharged not less than one nautical mile from shore.
- Discharge of untreated sewage is prohibited in inland waters.

Schedule 4 of the regulations sets out designated sewage areas where the discharge of raw sewage is prohibited. These areas include:

- Shuswap Lake
- Mara Lake
- Okanagan Lake
- Christina Lake
- Stuart Lake
- Smuggler Cove
- Horsefly Lake
- Kalamalka Lake
- Carrington Bay
- Manson's Landing
- Prideaux Haven
- Squirrel Cove
- Pilot Bay, Kootenay Lake
- Pilot Bay, Gabriola Island
- Cortes Bay
- Montague Harbour
- Roscoe Bay

The *Contraventions Act* fine for "discharging a prescribed pollutant" is \$250.

**For further information on the regulations
or requirements for the discharge of sewage:
contact the Office of Boating Safety at 604-666-2681
www.boatingsafety.gc.ca**