

Clean Marine – Holding tank pump outs

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When your holding tank or porta-potty is getting full, a pump out station is just the thing. Fortunately for us, one of the best ones on the coast is in our harbour. Installed around 2004, it is easy to use, self powered, has carbon filters to rid the air of most odours and is free. It's near the PetroCan station on the barge that separates the boat and seaplane entrances. It's close to the club so leaving your mooring lines and bumpers out makes it easy to pull up, tie up and dump out. The instructions are very clear, with three easy steps: priming, pumping and rinsing. The whole thing takes less than 15 minutes. There is a wash down hose that can be used to clean up before or after your visit, so everything stays clean (a very important consideration when dealing with sewage!). If you ever have any problems with the equipment, call the boat basin people at 250-754-5053 to report it. Our hats off to the Port and the designers of this excellent facility.

Besides Nanaimo's, there are close to 50 other pump out stations around the Strait including Silva Bay, False Creek, Gibson's, Pender Harbour, Schooner Cove, Ganges, Mayne, Sydney, and Victoria.