



## **KEY WEST BIGHT MARINA DINGHY DOCK POLICY STATEMENT**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that vessels anchored offshore that use dinghies of any size to come ashore do not use the City of Key West dinghy dock or other dockage unless there is proof that the anchored vessel is regularly pumped out for sewage.

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. **Dinghy:** A small boat or tender used to travel back and forth from anchored vessel to land.
2. **Dinghy Dock:** Floating dock area behind Turtle Kraals specifically designated for dinghies 13 feet or less in length.
3. **Pump-out Proof:** The owner of the dinghy or tender shall present proof that the dinghy or tender was tethered to a vessel which is currently enrolled and participating in the pump-out service administered by Monroe County. In the alternative, the owner of the dinghy or tender may present a valid receipt establishing that the dinghy or tender was tethered to a vessel which was serviced by a pump-out service within 14 days of the owner's request to dock.

### **POLICY**

The waters surrounding Key West are designated as a no discharge zone. Monroe County has implemented a program that provides free sewage pump-out for all anchored vessels in unincorporated Monroe County. Because of this program the City Manager of Key West believes that there is no excuse for anchored vessels in unincorporated Monroe County not to pump out. To help enforce the no discharge zone dinghies from anchored vessels will not be allowed to dock at the Key West Bight Dinghy Dock or 2-hour courtesy dock unless the owner can show proof that his or her anchored vessel can show proof of regular pump out.

### **PROCEDURES**

1. All dinghies requesting dockage shall apply for dockage at the Key West Dockmaster Office on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.
2. The Dockmaster(s) will request proof of sewage pump out before approval of dockage can be obtained.
3. All customers will be allowed only one non-conforming day of dockage for their dinghy. At that time the Dockmaster(s) will fully explain the proof of pump-out requirement and warn the customer that dockage will not be provided in the future without proof of pump-out.
4. Dockmaster will collect the dockage fee and explain where the customer can park his dinghy, where trash shall be deposited, where water is available and let the customer know that showers are available for an extra fee.

5. Dockmaster(s) will routinely monitor the dinghy dock areas ensure that unlawful or unpermitted dinghies are not tied to the dinghy docks.
6. Unlawful or unpermitted dinghies will be given 1 (one) notice that they cannot tie to the dinghy dock without a proper permit and they need to see the Dockmaster to receive one.
7. Repeat offenders will have their dinghies removed from the dinghy dock and impounded at the Dockmaster Office.
8. Impounded dinghies can be retrieved by the customer after paying an impound fee.

## **DATES**

*Dates adopted, implemented, effective, sunset, etc.*

Date for adoption of the Policy will be determined after a review period by all participants of the process.