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I support this rule. I own a 20' sailboat with a portable toilet and I have no problem complying with the rule.

However, I propose some clarifications.

There is no definition of "vessel". It would make sense to set some minimum size for the rule. Are you really asking every rowboat, canoe, kayak, paddle board, skiff, etc to have a portable toilet? It would be good to clarify the size limit, such as for privately owned boats over 15 feet.

Also, the main problem here I assume is fecal matter. Do you really intend to make criminals of fisherman pissing from their boats? Urine is sterile and when mixed in the Sound would have not appreciable impact.

And thirdly, I recognize that enclosed marinas and bays are more sensitive than the open sound.

Putting this all together, I would propose:

Keep the rule as proposed for vessels above a certain size.

A complete ban on the discharge of fecal material from any boat or vessel.

A ban on urine being discharged in marinas or within 100' (or 200'?) of the shoreline.

Keep the directive to collect waste and dispose in a facility where treatment is provided.

In conclusion, the rule as written appears to be overreaching, and with these changes it will be more acceptable to the recreational private small boater.