

# Maine Revised Statutes

Title 38: WATERS AND NAVIGATION  
Chapter 3: PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATERS  
Subchapter 1: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD  
Article 2: POLLUTION CONTROL

## §423. Discharge of waste from watercraft

**1. Discharge from watercraft prohibited.** A person, firm, corporation or other legal entity may not discharge, spill or permit to be discharged sewage, septic fluids, garbage or other pollutants from watercraft:

A. Into inland waters of the State; [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §14 (RPR); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §15 (AFF).]

B. On the ice of inland waters of the State; or [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §14 (RPR); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §15 (AFF).]

C. On the banks of inland waters of the State in a manner that the pollutants may fall or be washed into the waters or in a manner in which the drainage from the banks may flow into the waters. [2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §14 (RPR); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §15 (AFF).]

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**2. Holding tank required.** A person, firm, corporation or other legal entity may not operate upon the inland waters of the State a watercraft that has a permanently installed sanitary waste disposal system if it does not have securely affixed to the interior discharge opening of the sanitary waste disposal system a holding tank or suitable container for holding sanitary waste material so as to prevent its discharge or drainage into the inland waters of the State.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §14 (RPR); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §15 (AFF) .]

### 3. Watercraft defined.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §14 (RPR); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §15 (AFF); MRSA T. 38, §423, sub-§3 (RP) .]

**4. Watercraft defined.** For the purposes of this section, "watercraft" has the same meaning as provided in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 28, except that "watercraft" includes houseboats. This subsection takes effect August 31, 2004.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §14 (NEW); 2003, c. 688, Pt. B, §15 (AFF) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1973, c. 625, §274 (NEW). 1975, c. 770, §210 (AMD). 1977, c. 300, §24 (AMD). 1979, c. 444, §10 (AMD). 1989, c. 502, §B49 (AMD). 2003, c. 277, §3 (AMD). 2003, c. 414, §B70 (AMD). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 452, §W6

(RPR). 2003, c. 452, §X2 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 688, §B14 (RPR). 2003, c. 688, §B15 (AFF).  
MRSA T.38 , §423, sub-§3 (AMD).