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Harbor Commissioners,

After attending a few of the meetings reviewing title 17 I'd like to thank you for all the discussions on so many of the issues. I appreciate your listening to all the thoughts many of us have and I understand you won't please everyone but, hopefully, will please most.

In regards to section 17.40.100, the discharge log, I'd just like to reiterate what was mentioned at a few of the meetings but seems unclear in the recent draft. It reads the live-aboard permittees can use the pump out facilities and keep a log, however, it then states we are required to contract with a commercial service for a twice a month service. It was discussed at a couple of the meetings that a few of us live-aboards that routinely and responsibly use the pump out dock to not only discharge waste but fill our water tanks and a quick washing of our vessels would not have this requirement with verification. We would continue to do this despite being required to pay a service simply because we need to fill with water and we want a clean boat. I hate spending money on something I do not need so I'm hoping the wording can be such that we have the choice. I have no problem with a verification that the live-aboards are doing the right thing, perhaps a call to the office while at the dock which could be matched to the log turned in at the renewal request. This was mentioned at at least two of the meetings and it appeared to be verbally accepted by the committee. I very much hope the wording to this section can be such that us responsible permittees will have the choice.

The other consideration with the required twice a month contracted pumpout is that each situation is different. There are single people with large holding tanks, families with small holding tanks, and people off their boats for days and even weeks at a time. I believe we all are doing the responsible thing and discharging properly as needed but then I want to believe that is the case with all the approximate 9,000 boats in the bay which, of course, could not possibly be verified.

We live-aboards have the most to gain with a clean bay and the most to lose (our home) if doing the wrong thing.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, Sincerely, Herman (Bud) Coomans, mooring H813