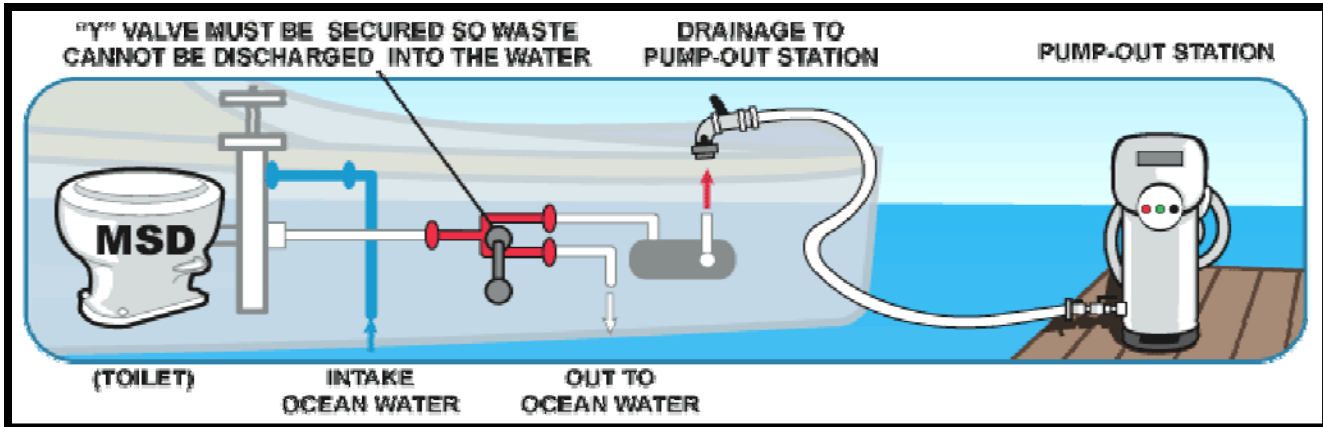


# Type III Marine Sanitation Device (MSD)



## All Vessels

### Marine Sanitation Device

#152

33 CFR 159

**Applies to** all vessels that have an installed toilet facility and operate within U.S. Territorial Seas (inside 3 nm).

#### Requirements:

- The marine sanitation device must be Coast Guard Certified.
- Vessels 65 ft and less must have a Type I, Type II, or Type III MSD.
- Vessels over 65 ft must have a Type II or Type III MSD.

#### Acceptability Requirements:

- Type I and Type II MSDs must have a **label** as per 33 CFR 159.16 (CG approval number and manufacturer's information) and be **certified**. Type III MSDs (holding tanks) do not need a label.
- **Type I** and **Type II** devices are certified under 33 CFR 159.12.
- **Type III devices are certified by design**. They must be a holding tank solely for sewage and flush water at ambient air temperature and pressure, and designed to prevent overboard discharge of sewage.
- The MSD **must be operational**.
- If the installed toilet has a "Y" valve, the valve must be **secured** while in U.S. Territorial waters so as to prohibit accidental discharge overboard.

**Note:** Portable toilets or "porta-potties" are not considered installed toilets and are not subject to the MSD regulations.

#### Acceptable methods of securing the device include—

- (1) Closing each valve leading to an overboard discharge and **removing the handle**;
- (2) **Padlocking** each valve leading to an overboard discharge in the closed position; **OR**
- (3) Using a non-releasable **wire-tie** to hold each valve leading to an overboard discharge in the closed position.

**\*\*\*Locking the head door is NOT considered "secured" for a Type III MSD; it IS acceptable for Types I & II.\*\*\***

