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BOATER ADVISORY: PLANNED TREATED SEWAGE DISCHARGE SUNDAY

The Westchester County Department of Health is notifying boaters and marinas on the Hudson River that there is expected to be a controlled discharge of several million gallons of screened and chlorinated raw sewage into the Hudson River between midnight and 4 a.m. on Sunday, March 22, weather conditions permitting. The treated sewage bypass is needed so that the flange gasket on the North Yonkers trunk sewer line can be replaced, thereby avoiding a potential major sewage spill. The repairs are planned for the time when sewage flows through these sewer pipes are lowest to minimize the discharge. If postponed, the bypass and repair will be rescheduled on the following Sunday, March 29.

As a precaution, boaters and people who use the waters from Tarrytown to the Bronx for recreational purposes should avoid direct contact with the water on Sunday. An advisory is being issued to marinas located on the Hudson River as well as to county and local police departments.

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