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**BOATER ADVISORY: PLANNED TREATED SEWAGE DISCHARGE MONDAY**

The Westchester County Department of Health is notifying boaters and marinas on the Hudson River that there will be a controlled discharge of several million gallons of screened and chlorinated raw sewage into the Hudson River between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Monday, October 20, 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.

The flange gasket was last replaced in 2001.

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 Monday. 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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