

Protesters spill concerns over sewage

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Maalaea Harbor currently has no pump-out station for the tour boats that operate from the harbor and cater to thousands of passengers each month. The protest group expressed thanks to tour operators such as Trilogy Excursions for setting a good example by hiring a pumping company to handle wastes from their boats.

Judith Michaels, president of the Kihei Community Association, said the state Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation needs to provide a pumping system at Maalaea Harbor that can service each slip, instead of building a single pump-out station for the whole harbor that will be difficult for the boats to access.

The protest effort is part of a continuing effort by Maui residents to raise awareness of boats dumping sewage in the ocean.

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