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Waste-disposal methods make water trips less appealing

I've noticed the letters from snorkelers encountering human in the ocean, and my curiosity prompted research.

What I found, to my surprise, was that virtually all boats use Maalaea Harbor dump their human sewage into the ocean. If this, does a snorkel or whale-watch cruise still seem appealing?

We know the state has been dysfunctional with regard to protecting the environment. Does this excuse the boating industry for not creating its own solution or lobbying for one?

Perhaps the combination of awareness, public pressure and cooperation can create a pumpout station that is actually used by the boats within one year rather than waiting another 10 years.

Steve Paselk

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