

and that commercial vessels are required by law to destroy materials through incineration or to place them in trash receptacles for disposal on shore. Because of this, provisions of this nature are included in the model law recommended herein by the Committee.

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The Committee has attempted to maintain an objective approach to the problems covered by this report. As more and more evidence was uncovered indicating the miniscule nature of the pollution problem and the gargantuan efforts being made by persons who should know better to correct it, the objectivity of the Committee lessened considerably. Still, we believe we have well and amply supported our conclusions herein.

The Committee was appalled at the tremendous amount of industrial waste and untreated sewage being regularly deposited in the lakes, streams and rivers of this country. Although it was gratifying to the Committee to establish to its complete satisfaction that virtually none of this pollution was the result of the use of recreational watercraft, this limited satisfaction was completely overwhelmed by the staggering knowledge of the condition of much of our water. Indeed, unless much stronger efforts to correct this situation are made in the future than have been made in the past, there may well be no recreational watercraft in existence to worry about because no waters suitable for recreation will remain.

APPENDIX A—QUESTIONNAIRE ON WATER POLLUTION BY RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
WATERWAYS COMMISSION,
DETROIT, MICH., May 25, 1964.

DEAR SIR: The National Association of Boating Law Administrators is an organization consisting of State officials concerned with programs involving the registration, regulation, and development of facilities for recreational watercraft.

Because of the considerable concern being expressed throughout the country at this time about the continuing pollution of our water, it is the desire of this Association to determine the extent of such pollution attributable to recreational boating. After basic determinations of this type have been made, it is the further intent of the Association to make recommendations to the various States of ways to combat pollution from this source.

To assist the Association's Pollution Study Committee, it is requested that you complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the Outboard Boating Club of America which is serving as special Staff Assistant to the Committee on this study. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire yourself, it is requested that the form be forwarded to the appropriate State agency having jurisdiction over this matter.

Your cooperation in this important study will be most sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

KEITH WILSON,
*Chairman, Pollution Study Committee,
National Association of Boating Law Administrators.*

QUESTIONNAIRE ON WATER POLLUTION BY RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT

Completed by _____

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REPRESENTING _____

ADDRESS _____

The object of this questionnaire is to try to develop information and data on the extent of water pollution attributable to recreational boating, whether or not such pollution is a significant factor, and the nature and measure of corrective action to be taken, if any, which will provide a remedy without unduly penalizing the boat owner.

For purposes of this study, the term "recreational watercraft" is defined as every description of vessel, regardless of method of propulsion, which is used or capable of being used as a means of locomotion on the water for recreational pursuits.