

# The Marine Society & Sea Cadets

## AUTOMATIC BILGE PUMPS IN MOD POWERBOATS

1. The MARPOL regulations to prevent pollution at sea have recently been amended. In some waters it is not now permitted to fit powered boats with automatic bilge pumps.
2. MOD policy is not to remove serviceable automatic bilge pumps where fitted to MOD powerboats. Where such pumps become unserviceable however, they will not be repaired.
3. MOD is in the process of issuing covers for all NCF Champs, which will greatly reduce the need for automatic bilge pumps by keeping rain out of the boat when it is not in use. Units operating MOD Champs will be issued with covers without demand.
4. MOD has not yet decided to issue covers for boats other than Champs. Any Unit operating a Viking Slow Motorboat which does not have a serviceable cover should demand a cover through Sea Cadet Stores.

