



## **MECAL TECHNICAL NOTE**

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### **BILGE PUMPING**

Application: All vessels

On vessels with multiple watertight compartments it is not always practical to provide separate bilge suctions or pumps for each compartment. It is acceptable to have a portable hand bilge pump mounted on a board (or powered salvage pump) and with flexible weighted suction to supplement the main pumps. This could also be fitted with a delivery hose and nozzle to act as the vessel fire pump, if required. Extreme fore & aft watertight compartments can be provided with drain valves for pumping out via the main bilge, but with notices "KEEP CLOSED" in place.