

Olympic Loo Experiment, Summer 2014

It has been found that if we leave the boat for even a short time the loos begin to smell very badly. A remedy is to get them pumped out immediately but this is often not possible. We suspect the issue is an absence of sufficient oxygen in the tank to kill off the smell producing bacteria.

Therefore at the end of trips it is recommended that:

- **the water supply to each loo is closed**, see pictures below. This is important, do not rely on just turning the water off, you run the risk that the next user will turn the water off and only get to the loos when they overflow!
- the flap is left open so that oxygen can circulate. The pictures below show how the flap can be jammed open, note the pieces of wood are tailored made for each loo and kept adjacent to the relevant loo.

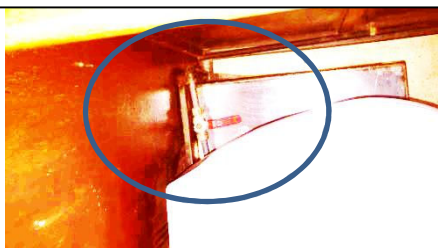


Rear loo, foot pedal jammed open.



Front loo, foot pedal jammed open.

Water supply to loo CLOSED, i.e. no water will flow when pedal depressed.



Water supply to loo OPEN, i.e. water will flow when pedal depressed.

