

# MARPOL CONVENTION

## DISCHARGE OF GARBAGE AND OIL INTO THE SEA IS

# PROHIBITED

**Garbage and oil should be retained on board for disposal onshore unless provided below**

<b>FOOD WASTE GROUND OR PROCESSED</b> so that particles are no greater than 25mm	While underway and as far as practicable, but not less than 3nm from nearest land* <b>NOTE: Discharge of cooking oil into the sea is prohibited</b>
<b>FOOD WASTE</b> that has <b>not</b> been ground or processed	While underway and as far as practicable, but not less than 12nm from nearest land*
<b>CLEANING AGENTS/ADDITIVES</b> that <b>are not</b> harmful to the marine environment contained in cargo hold, deck and external surface wash water	Discharge permitted. Refer to MARPOL Annex V and guidelines for more information.

Vessels of 100GT and above, and every vessel which is certified to carry 15 or more persons - refer to the Garbage Management Plan

<b>OILY WATER FROM MACHINERY SPACE BILGES</b>	While underway and processed through oil filtering equipment that ensures that the oil content of the effluent does not exceed 15ppm. Refer to MARPOL Annex I.
<b>OILY RAGS, OIL RESIDUE (SLUDGE) AND USED LUBE OIL</b>	Retain on board for disposal onshore.

Garbage and oil residue (sludge) may be incinerated in accordance with MARPOL Annex VI, subject to local requirements.

Vessels of 400GT and above must record each discharge or incineration of garbage, oil or oil residue in the Garbage Record Book or Oil Record Book Part I

**Violation of these requirements may result in penalties**

\*The definition of 'Nearest land' includes the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait area and can be found in MARPOL Annex V



# REPORTING ILLEGAL MARPOL DISCHARGES

You can help keep our seas clean by reporting any violations of the discharge regulations

Information is needed to assist in investigating and prosecuting offenders. Useful information includes:

- the **name** of the vessel responsible;
- the **time, date and location** of the incident (distance from land, GPS coordinates);
- details of **how much and what type of** discharge; and
- other **witnesses** or vessels in the vicinity

**If possible take photographs or video images of the pollution, the vessel or person involved.**

**Please REPORT illegal discharges to:**

1800 641 792 (freecall) or (02) 6230 6811 at any time

**Please keep this information card on board your vessel.**

**MARPOL requires that all vessels of 12m or more in length overall display a placard that notifies the crew and passengers of the garbage discharge regulations**