Untreated sewage discharge restrictions for ships other than declared ships under the Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 and Regulation 2018.

**Declared ships** have a fixed toilet, and are:
- Domestic commercial vessels with a certificate of operation issued, or taken to be issued, under the Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012 stating it is a class 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 4C, 4D or 4E ship, or
- Other Queensland regulated ships regulated under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation 2016 designed to carry more than 12 passengers.

**Ships other than declared ships** are all other ships, and include:
- All recreational ships
- Domestic commercial vessels with a certificate of operation issued, or taken to be issued, under the Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012 stating it is a class 2 or 3
- Other Queensland regulated ships regulated under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation 2016 designed to carry up to 12 passengers.

**Untreated sewage - ships other than declared ships**

- No discharge within 926m of a wharf or jetty other than a jetty that is a marina
- No discharge within 1852m of an aquaculture fisheries resource (e.g. an oyster lease). If a ship has 7 to 15 persons on board, no discharge within 1852m of a reef, or the mean low water mark of an island or the mainland
- No discharge if a ship has 16 or more persons on board

**Discharge permitted with the following restrictions:**

- No discharge within 926m of a wharf or jetty other than a jetty that is a marina
- No discharge within 1852m of an aquaculture fisheries resource (e.g. an oyster lease). If a ship has 7 to 15 persons on board, no discharge within 1852m of a reef, or the mean low water mark of an island or the mainland
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### Sewage Discharge Requirements for Ships Other Than Declared Ships Under the 
**Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 and Regulation 2018**

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### Untreated Sewage Discharge Requirements

#### Prohibited Discharge Waters
- Illegal to discharge in coastal waters that are:
  - a boat harbour
  - a canal
  - a marina
  - an area within the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park prescribed under Schedule 6 of the Regulation

#### Smooth Waters (Includes rivers, creeks and designated smooth waters)
- Illegal to discharge

#### Open Waters
- Illegal to discharge within ½ nautical mile (926m) of a wharf or jetty, other than a jetty that is a marina
- Illegal to discharge within 1 nautical mile (1852 metres) of a person in the water, or aquaculture fisheries resources
- *7 to 15 persons - Illegal to discharge within 1 nautical mile of a reef, the low water mark of an island or the mainland*
- *16 or more persons - Illegal to discharge in open waters*

### Treated Sewage Discharge Requirements

#### Prohibited Discharge Waters
- Illegal to discharge in coastal waters that are:
  - a boat harbour
  - a canal
  - a marina
  - an area within the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park prescribed under Schedule 6 of the Regulation

#### Smooth Waters and Open Waters
- Illegal to discharge Grade C Treated Sewage within ½ nautical mile (926 metres) of
  - a person in the water
  - aquaculture fisheries resources
  - reef
- Illegal to discharge Grade B Treated Sewage within 700 m of:
  - a person in the water
  - aquaculture resources
  - a reef.
- Illegal to discharge Grade A Treated Sewage in prohibited discharge waters
  - No other restrictions

### On-Board Documents

All vessels with a sewage treatment system are required to have the following on-board and available for inspection:
- Sewage treatment system manufacturer’s details
- Sewage treatment system documentation
- Sewage treatment system service manual
- Sewage treatment system service records including maintenance and assessment documentation