Untreated sewage discharge restrictions for declared ships

**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.

Discharge permitted with the following restrictions:
- No discharge within 1852m of a wharf or jetty other than 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
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Sewage discharge requirements for Declared Ships under the

*Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995 and Regulation 2018*

### Declared Ships

A Declared ship's owner must ensure that the ship is fitted with a macerator and that sewage is unable to bypass the macerator.

A Declared ship must be fitted with a sewage holding device when operating (which includes anchoring, berthing, or mooring) in any Nil Discharge Waters (illegal water in which to discharge, see below)

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- 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

**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
- Illegal to discharge within 1 nautical mile (1852 metres) of a reef, or the low water mark of an island or the mainland
- Illegal to discharge in open waters

### Treated Sewage Discharge Requirements

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**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:

- Shipboard sewage management plan
- Sewage sewage disposal record book
- 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