Treated sewage discharge restrictions for 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.

**Discharge permitted with the following restrictions:**
- Grade A treated sewage - Discharge permitted (i.e. no further restrictions)
- Grade B treated sewage - No discharge within 700m of a person in the water, aquaculture fisheries resource (e.g. oyster lease) or a reef
- Grade C treated sewage - No discharge within 926m of a person in the water, aquaculture fisheries resource (e.g. oyster lease) or a reef

**LEGEND**
- Discharge prohibited
- 926 metre line
- Pump-out station
- Toilet
- Caravan dump station
- Coastal waters (3nM limit)
- Reefs (not all reefs may be shown)

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### 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).

### Untreated sewage discharge requirements

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**Smooth Waters (includes rivers, creeks and designated smooth waters)**

- Illegal to discharge

**Open Waters**

- * 1 to 15 persons - Illegal to discharge within ½ nautical mile (926m) of a wharf or jetty, other than a jetty that is a marina
- * 1 to 15 persons - 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 (1852 metres) of a reef, or the low water mark of an island or the mainland
- * 16 or more persons - 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