

NAVIGATION SAFETY NOTICE

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Message: The Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998

The Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 specify where sewage can be discharged at sea.

In summary:

- Untreated – not within 500m from land or marine farm or mataitai (food collection) reserve; nor within 200m of a marine reserve; nor in areas prohibited under rules in a regional coastal plan;
- Grade A treated (ship systems often include a bacterial breakdown and disinfection prior to the discharge) – not within 100m of a marine farm or in internal waters of Fiordland;
- Grade B treated (systems usually involve mechanical breakdown and disinfection) – not within 500m from a marine farm or mataitai (food collection) reserve; nor within areas prohibited under rules in a regional coastal plan.

It is suspected there has been recent discharge from vessels in the Tasman Bay area.

Please be aware that among other things there is a penalty in NCC Bylaw for unlawful or improper discharge of a pollutant to sea.

Our Navigation Safety Bylaw has a provision in section 6.3 that no person shall discharge in any water any rubbish or other substance or liquid of an objectionable or offensive nature which is likely to pollute, detract from or cause deterioration of the waters.

Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter. If you observe or suspect any vessel responsible for this discharge, please report it to the Harbour Masters office immediately “

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