



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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Illicit discharges

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta would like to remind all mariners and operators of any type of vessel, including fishing vessels, and all operators and personnel of fish farms, breeding pens and cages and other aquaculture equipment, that it is prohibited to dispose of any type of waste into the marine environment.

Apart from the general domestic waste (for example plastics, food waste, paper, etc.), the disposal of any waste oils, mooring ropes, discarded fishing gear, tackle and any other types of substances and objects that may cause marine pollution, damage, or harm to aquatic life in the marine environment, the natural function of ecosystems and to biodiversity, is also prohibited. All waste should be disposed of ashore at the appropriate waste reception facilities.

All persons are also being reminded that the disposal of sewage within bays, yachting centres and Ports is also prohibited.

Enforcement and legal action in terms of the law will be taken if any person is caught disposing of any type of waste in the marine environment or if there is sufficient evidence of any illegal disposal at sea.