

HARBOUR MASTER'S NOTICE 01 – 2021

Prevention of Pollution from Ships in Australian Waters

Plastic waste and cargo residues have been reported washing ashore on beaches in Portland and the surrounding areas.

The Master of vessels calling at the Port of Portland and anchoring in Portland Bay anchorage are reminded of their obligations under the:

- [International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships \(MARPOL\)](#)
- [Navigation Act 2012](#)
- [Protection of the Sea \(Prevention of Pollution from Ships\) Act 1983](#)
- [Protection of the Sea \(Prevention of Pollution From Ships\) \(orders\) regulations](#)
- [Marine Order 91 \(Marine pollution prevention—oil\) 2014](#)
- [Marine Order 93 \(Marine pollution prevention—noxious liquid substances\) 2014](#)
- [Marine Order 94 \(Marine pollution prevention—packaged harmful substances\) 2014](#)
- [Marine Order 95 \(Marine pollution prevention—garbage\) 2013](#)
- [Marine Order 96 \(Marine pollution prevention—sewage\) 2013](#)
- [Marine Order 97 \(Marine pollution prevention—air pollution\) 2013](#)

For a summary of discharge standards under MARPOL and local regulations for vessels operating in Australian Waters refer to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority [Discharge Standards](#).

The discharge of other garbage including plastics, synthetic ropes, fishing gear, plastic garbage bags, incinerator ashes, clinkers, cooking oil, floating dunnage, lining and packing materials, paper, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, and similar refuse is prohibited in Australian Waters.

Vessels Master's should ensure that the wash water, after washing down decks, on departure from Portland, does not contain any substances classified as Harmful to the Marine Environment (HME) in accordance with MARPOL.

Waste reception facilities are available at the Port of Portland and can be requested through the vessel's appointed agent.

Local community groups are recording and reporting waste found on beaches. Any waste suspected of being discharged from a vessel will be reported to AMSA.

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Port of Portland is proud of its Safety & Environment Management System which includes the following certifications:

- ISO 45001 – Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems
- ISO 14001 – Environmental Management System

