

## **Waste Management for Vessels Annex V of the Marpol Treaty**

Please be advised that it is illegal to dump anything overboard in Puget Sound and that the three to twelve nautical mile regulations refer to offshore, west of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Captains violating the requirements of the MARPOL TREATY may face civil penalty up to \$25,000 or a fine up to \$50,000 and up to 5 years imprisonment.

### **☐ Vessels 26 to 40 Feet**

All vessels over 26 feet must display, in a visible location to all crewmembers, a durable placard describing the restriction of Annex V. The Captain or person in charge should advise passengers of the location of trash receptacles and mention the refuse discharge regulations. (Placards are readily available at marina stores and chandleries.)

### **☐ Vessels 40 Feet and Longer**

All vessels over 40 feet must also have written waste management plans, which must include the name of the person in charge of the vessel, procedures used for collecting, processing, storing and discharging the vessel's garbage in accordance with the requirements. The Captain or person in charge should advise passengers of the location of trash receptacles and mention the refuse discharge regulations.

## **SAMPLE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**Applicability:** All vessels 40 ft. and over.

**Contents:**

- ▶ Must describe the procedures used for collection, processing, storing and discharging the vessel's garbage in accordance to the requirement of MARPOL Annex V.
- ▶ Designate the person in charge of making sure the plan is carried out.
- ▶ Mention of how crew/passengers are educated to this plan is also desirable.

1. Waste Management Plan for (Vessel Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Person in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Solid Waste Management Procedures:**

**All** the garbage generated on the vessel is put in a garbage bag and disposed of in the trash containers at the harbor at the end of each trip (or is given to the tender vessel to take to shore for disposal). All crew members have been oriented to the requirement of MARPOL Annex V by the captain and all new crew are specifically shown the MARPOL V placard and told to keep all refuse stowed on board. Passenger orientation to the vessel includes being shown the location of the trash receptacles and mention of refuse discharge regulations.

2. Waste Management Plan for (Vessel Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Person in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Solid Waste Management Procedures:**

#### **If the vessel is outside of 12 miles of shore or returning to shore:**

All the garbage with the exception of food materials and paper is put in a garbage bag to be hauled to the dockside trash receptacle at trips end. Food material and paper generated in the galley are collected in a container and the container emptied over the side by a crewmember.

#### **If the vessel is within 12 miles of shore or returning to shore:**

**All** refuse materials are put in garbage bags and stored on board until the end of the trip when the deckhands brings the bags to the dockside trash receptacles for disposal.

**Crew Education:** At the beginning of each season all crewmembers are reminded of the refuse discharge laws and shown the MARPOL V Placard posted in the galley. Crew is told that it is vessel policy to stow all garbage materials on board except for food and paper when the vessel is outside of 12 miles. The captain orients all new crew and passengers to the rules governing the vessel including refuse laws and refuse handling.

3. Waste Management Plan for (Vessel Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Person in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Solid Waste Management Procedures:**

All plastic material and other refuse with the exception of beverage containers are disposed of on board by placing them in the garbage compactor. Compactor bags when full are enclosed in plastic bags and lashed to the side of the wheelhouse. At the end of the trip bags of the compacted refuse is disposed of in refuse containers on the dock. (If items are too big to be disposed in the compactor, they are stored separately on board until they can be disposed of in port.) All beverage containers are kept in a separate bag and are hauled off the vessel at the end of the trip and recycled. Crewmates are reminded of the garbage laws and of vessel refuse handling procedures at the beginning of each fishing season.

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