



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS N° 097 of 2025

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Further to Local Notice to Mariners No 095 of 2021 - Illicit Discharges

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta would like to remind all mariners and operators of recreational craft that it is prohibited to dispose any type of waste into the marine environment.

All waste shall be disposed ashore in the appropriate waste reception facilities.

Furthermore, all concerned are being advised that the discharge of treated and untreated sewage within bays, harbours and ports, including yachting centres, and on anchor is also prohibited. Discharge of sewage is only allowed as follows:

- i. The discharge of untreated sewage from recreational craft is only allowed in waters more than 1NM from the shore, but not whilst on anchor.
- ii. Vessels fitted with an onboard sewage treatment plant are allowed to discharge sewage anywhere outside of bays, harbours and ports, but not whilst on anchor.

Enforcement and legal action in terms of 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.

All the other information mentioned in Local Notice to Mariners N° 095 of 2021 will remain valid.