

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR RECREATIONAL VESSELS

Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 151.57 requires all oceangoing vessels 40 feet or more in length used in commerce or equipped with a galley and berthing to have a written waste management plan. This includes numbered and documented recreational vessels operating seaward of the inland/international demarcation line.

The Master or Person in Charge of the vessel is responsible for ensuring that a written waste management plan is on board, and that each person handling garbage follows that plan.

The plan must describe the vessel's procedures for collecting, processing, storing and discharging garbage, and designate the person who is in charge of carrying out the plan. Remember, garbage (including food wastes) may not be thrown overboard on inland waters or in the ocean within three miles of land. Plastics may not be thrown overboard anywhere.

A sample plan is on the next page. This may be filled in with the procedures for your vessel, signed by the owner or person in charge and used on board.

NOTE:

In addition, 33 CFR 151.59 requires that all vessels 26 feet or greater in length have a MARPOL Annex V placard prominently displayed for the crew and passengers regardless of whether your boat operates on inland waters or the ocean.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Vessel Name

1. This plan describes policy and procedures for handling this vessel's garbage according to MARPOL Annex V and 33 CFR Subparts 151.51 through 151.77. As Captain, I am responsible for carrying out this plan. All crewmembers and embarked persons shall follow the instructions in this plan. **It is the general policy of this vessel that all food waste and garbage will be retained on board for proper disposal ashore.**
2. Waste for this vessel is collected _____ (where) _____ and stored _____ (location) _____. When moored, all waste will be carried from the vessel and disposed of _____ (location of dumpster, etc.) _____. **Plastics and waste containing plastic materials will never be discharged into the water from this vessel regardless of location.**
3. When sailing on inland waters or at sea within 12 nautical miles of land, no food, garbage or waste of any type will be discharged. When on an extended voyage, beyond 12 nautical miles from land, certain non-plastic and non-floating waste may be discharged if storage space is not available. In this case, all plastics (including foamed plastic) are to be segregated from other wastes and stored on board for proper disposal ashore. Only those materials permitted for discharge according to the MARPOL Annex V placard may be discharged in the water. **In no case will waste of any kind be discharged into the water without my prior inspection and explicit permission.**
4. If you have any questions about this plan, waste handling procedures or materials that may be discharged, please consult me.

Captain

Date