

Vessel Activity	Regulation
Rinsing of the hull	Fresh or salt water only.
Underwater cleaning of hull	Dependent on level and origin of marine growth, and methodology of cleaning.
Propeller polishing	Dependent on level and origin of marine growth, and methodology of cleaning.
Spot painting of hull	Full encapsulation if spraying. If rolling; prevent paint from entering water. Isolate drainage from all vessel cleaning and maintenance areas and do not allow it to drain directly to marine waters.
Fuel restrictions	As per MARPOL Annex VI.
Use of Incinerators	As per MARPOL Annex VI.
Discharge of grey water	No local regulation. ("Grey water is discharges from dishwasher, shower, laundry, bath and washbasin drains and does not include drainage from toilets, urinals, hospitals, and animal spaces, as defined in regulation 1(3) of Annex IV, as well as drainage from cargo spaces)
Disposal of ship's rubbish (garbage)	As per MARPOL Annex V (Garbage) and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage and Garbage from Ships) Regulations 2008 . There is a requirement for a ship (includes fixed and floating platforms), to carry and fill in a <i>Garbage Record Book</i> ^[1*] applies to all ships of 400 gross tonnage or above and every ship which is certified to carry 15 or more persons and is engaged on voyages to ports or offshore terminals other than its flag State.
Discharge of treated blackwater/sewage	As per MARPOL Annex IV and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage and Garbage from Ships) Regulations 2008 . (note ^[1*] above ship threshold also applies for sewage discharges).
Discharge of Advanced Wastewater Purification treated blackwater	As per MARPOL Annex VI. Sewage that has been treated can be discharged anywhere at sea. Sewage that has been comminuted and disinfected can be discharged a minimum of three nautical miles (nm) from the nearest land. Untreated sewage must be discharged no less than 12 nms from the nearest land. In all the above cases the vessel must be proceeding at not less than 4 knots when making the discharge.
Discharge of dechlorinated pool/spa	Only fresh or salt water to be discharged to the Firth.
Discharge of ballast water	As per IMO International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments . Requirement for ships to have a ballast water management (BWM) plan which the crew should be aware of and a ballast water records book.
Discharge of exhaust gas cleaning wash water	As per MARPOL Annex VI and only discharge fresh or salt water to the Firth.
Allowance of live vegetation on open decks	No local regulation.
Discharge of comminuted food waste	As per MARPOL Annex V. Regulation 4 of the above convention states that comminuted food waste must not be discharged unless ship greater than 3 nms from shore.

Further general vessel pollution guidance is available from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) website at- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-pollution-and-reduce-harmful-emissions-at-sea>

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