



## CHAFFERS MARINA LTD

### PERMITTED DISCHARGES POLICY

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Chaffers Marina and associated vessel owners are complying with the **Resource Management Act 1991** and the **Regional Coastal Plan 2000** for the Wellington region, in regard to vessel discharges within Chaffers Marina.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

The **Regional Coastal Plan** applies to activities and uses of resources within the coastal marine area that are covered under the **Resource Management Act** and this includes discharges onto land or into water from ships.

The definition of a Ship is covered by both the **Resource Management Act** and the **Maritime Transport Act 1994** and is as follows:

- RMA 1991, Part 1, 2 Interpretations Ship: has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994
- Maritime Transport Act 1994, Part 1, 2 Interpretations Ship:
  - means every description of boat or craft used in navigation, whether or not it has any means of propulsion; and includes—
  - (a) a barge, lighter, or other like vessel;
  - (b) a hovercraft or other thing deriving full or partial support in the atmosphere from the reaction of air against the surface of the water over which it operates;
  - (c) a submarine or other submersible

As per the **Regional Coastal Plan**, Rule 54 Operational needs of ships, discharges from ships are now controlled by the **Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998**.

Discharges include engine exhausts, heat, clean bilge water, clean ballast water, water from any onboard sink or dishwasher, shower, laundry, bath or washbasin deck wash or discharges associated with the operational needs of any ship.

**NOTE: The Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998** were made by Order in Council on 20 July 1998. These regulations override some rules in the **Regional Coastal Plan**.

#### 3. RULES

The following rules apply to Chaffers Marina:

##### 3.1 Discharge of Sewage – **NOT PERMITTED**.

**Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998**, 11 Discharge of sewage in coastal marine area;

- (1) Before 1 July 2000, any person may discharge sewage in the coastal marine area from a ship or offshore installation, unless that discharge is within 500 metres (0.27 nautical miles) of a marine farm.
- (2) On or after 1 July 2000, no person may discharge sewage in the coastal marine area from a ship or offshore installation unless that discharge occurs—
  - (a) more than 500 metres (0.27 nautical miles) seaward from mean high water springs; and
  - (b) more than 500 metres (0.27 nautical miles) from a marine farm; and
  - (c) in water depths greater than 5 metres; and
  - (d) more than 200 metres (0.108 nautical miles) from a marine reserve, except the marine reserve constituted by the Marine Reserve (Kermadec Islands) Order 1990; and

(e) more than 500 metres (0.27 nautical miles) from an area that the Minister of Fisheries has declared by notice in the Gazette to be a mataitai reserve under regulations made under section 186 of the Fisheries Act 1996.

(3) A rule may only be included in a regional coastal plan or a proposed regional coastal plan relating to the discharges under this regulation if—

- (a) the rule increases the distances seaward or increases the depth specified in subclause (2) for any harbours, estuaries, embayment's, or other parts of a region, or increases the distances from a marine farm, marine reserve, or mataitai reserve specified in subclause (2), for all or any part of the year; and
- (b) the rule takes effect on or after 1 July 2000.

### **3.2 Normal Operations of Ships – PERMITTED DISCHARGES**

**Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998**, 15 Discharges made as part of normal operations of ship or offshore installation;

Any person may discharge, in the coastal marine area, a contaminant that is incidental to, or derived from, or generated during, the operations listed in Schedule 4 as the normal operations of a ship or offshore installation, except a contaminant that is garbage and for which no exception is provided in regulation 13A.

**Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998**, Schedule 4, Normal operations of ship or offshore installation.

- 1 Ship propulsion.
- 2 Heat exchange systems, including engine cooling systems, air conditioning, refrigeration, and condensers.
- 3 Stormwater drainage from systems and scuppers, except from those areas used for the storage of any harmful substance.
- 4 The use of washing facilities in the accommodation areas producing greywater from showers, handbasins, baths, galleys, dishwashers, and laundries but does not include use of any dispensary, sick bay, or other medical premises.
- 5 The cleaning of the ship or offshore installation, except for the exterior of the hull below the load line or parts of the ship used for carrying cargo.
- 6 The incineration of waste or other matter generated from a ship or offshore installation.
- 7 Firefighting.
- 8 The operation of a weapon system on any ship of the New Zealand Defence Force.

## **4. CONDITIONS**

The discharge of engine exhausts, heat, clean bilge water, clean ballast water, water from any onboard sink or dishwasher, shower, laundry, bath or washbasin deck wash or water onto land or into water in the coastal marine area (Chaffers Marina) associated with the operational needs of any ship is a Permitted Activity, provided it complies with the conditions below.

- (1) The contaminant or water discharged (either by itself or when combined with the same, similar, or other contaminants or water) will not give rise, after reasonable mixing, to all or any of the following effects:
- the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - any emission of objectionable odour;
  - any rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - any significant effects on aquatic life.

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