

Marine Environmental Guidelines Forth Ports - Scotland



The table below outlines the environmental regulations for ships operating or transiting within the Firth of Forth, and Firth of Tay

Activity	Regulation
Underwater cleaning of hull.	Not permitted unless growth can be captured and disposed of on land as waste.
Hull painting.	No paint is permitted to enter the water. Isolate drainage from all vessel cleaning and maintenance areas and do not allow it to drain directly to marine waters. Risk assessment and permit to work have to be completed for the operation and full PPE should be worn. Safety boat is mandatory.
Fuel restrictions.	As per MARPOL Annex VI .
Use of incinerators.	As per MARPOL Annex VI .
Grey water discharge.	Not permitted in enclosed dock. Permitted in tidal waters including the estuary, Crombie, Rosyth and other estuarial marine terminals if the grey water is treated in appropriate plant as per MEPC 277 (64) .
Discharge of garbage.	As per MARPOL Annex V . For individual port waste management plans see: https://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/information/ .
Discharge of treated blackwater/sewage.	Not permitted in enclosed dock. Permitted in tidal waters including the estuary, Crombie, Rosyth and other estuarial marine terminals when complying with MARPOL Annex IV and the Merchant Shipping (prevention of pollution by sewage and garbage from ships) regulations 2008 .
Discharge of pool/spa water.	Fresh water and salt water discharge permitted only.
Discharge of scrubber water.	Any discharge to water is strictly not permitted.
Discharge of communicated food waste.	As per MARPOL Annex V . For individual port waste management plans see: https://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/information/ .
Rinsing of the hull.	Fresh or salt water only.
Propeller polishing.	Dependent on level and origin of marine growth, and methodology of cleaning. Contact FTNS to request permission.
Discharge of advanced wastewater purification treated blackwater.	As per MARPOL Annex VI .
Discharge of ballast water.	As per IMO International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments . Ships are required to have a ballast water management plan including ballast water record books.
Discharge of exhaust gas cleaning wash water.	As per MARPOL Annex VI and only discharge fresh or salt water for the Firth.
Venting/gas freeing.	Not permitted in the Forth Ports Statutory Harbour Authority area. Information can be found at https://www.forthports.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Mariners-Guide-Forth-2020.pdf section 19.
Bunkering.	As per Forth Ports Bunkering Procedure (Scotland): https://www.forthports.co.uk/marine/information/
Pollution.	Any pollution from a vessel or sighted must be reported immediately to: Forth & Tay Navigation Service (FTNS) T: +44 (0)132 4498 584 (24/7) E: ftns@forthports.co.uk VHF CH: 71 Call sign: Forth Navigation

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