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 Belize Port Authority Environmental Protection Guideline

In exercise of the powers under Belize Port Authority Act (Revised Edition 2003) Subsidiary Laws: Belize Port Authority Regulations Section 10 (1), the Ports Commissioner hereby informs mariners, port operators, operators of marinas, shipping agents, and other parties to whom they apply, of the Authority's position regarding the maintenance of ships, disposal of ship generated waste and other matters affecting ships within our territorial waters, ports and harbours:

Maintenance Operations and Waste Disposal	Areas of Permission/Prohibition
Rinsing of Hull	Prohibited in our territorial waters incl. port areas
Underwater hull cleaning	Prohibited in our territorial waters incl. port areas
Propeller polishing	Prohibited in our territorial waters incl. port areas
Spot painting of hull	Prohibited in our territorial waters incl. port areas
De-rusting	Prohibited in our territorial waters incl. port areas
Use of Incinerators	Prohibited in Port Area
Discharge of grey water	Permitted - Outside of 12 nm from Base Line
Discharge of treated black water	Permitted - Outside of 12 nm from Base Line
Discharge of AWP treated black water	Permitted - Outside of 12 nm from Base Line
Discharge of de-chlorinated pool/spa water	Permitted - Outside of 12 nm from Base Line
Discharge of ballast water	Permitted - Outside of 12 nm from Base Line, subject to ballast water exchange having been conducted within the Wider Caribbean Area or the discharge of Ballast Water and Sediments from a ship is at the same location where the whole of that Ballast Water and those Sediments originated and provided that no mixing with unmanaged Ballast Water and Sediments from other areas has occurred.
Discharge of Comminuted Food Waste	Permitted - Outside of 12 nm from Base Line
Discharge of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Wash Water	Prohibited in our territorial waters incl. port areas
Fuel restrictions	Sulphur content of 3.5% m/m - MARPOL Annex VI (to be reviewed 1 January 2020)
Crew training/drills	Permitted within Harbours and at Ports
Sounding of ship's alarm	Permitted within Harbours and at Ports
Hot Work - inside ship	Permitted within Harbours and at Ports
Diving operations	Permitted – with conditions
Lowering of Lifeboats	Permitted for training and drills within Harbours and at Ports

The Ports Commissioner further advises that a written application for the execution of the permitted works or disposal of ship generated waste and other matters affecting ships shall be submitted to the Belize Port Authority prior to the commencement of the activity for approval. Non-compliance with the Regulations/Guidelines is subject to fines and/or confinement under the Regulations.

By Order:

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