

## **Regulations on the prohibition on the discharge of sewage from recreational craft in the Oslofjord**

Legal basis: Laid down by the Norwegian Maritime Authority on 31 May 2024 under the Act of 26 June 1998 No. 47 relating to recreational and small craft section 20 second paragraph, section 26, section 38, section 39, cf. Formal Delegation of 29 June 2007 No. 849 and Formal Delegation of 31 May 2007 No. 591.

### *Section 1. Scope of application*

These Regulations apply to recreational craft that have toilets on board and are used in the sea and coastal areas from the Swedish border to the Agder County border, extending to the boundary of the management plan for the North Sea and the Skagerrak (baseline). This includes all branches of the fjord as well as the inner Oslofjord.

### *Section 2. Definitions*

For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions apply:

- a. Toilet: any sanitary facility for storing sanitary waste on board, including permanently installed toilets, pump toilets with or without septic tanks or portable toilets.
- b. Sewage: drainage and other wastes from toilets, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures.

### *Section 3. Discharge prohibition*

Discharge of sewage in the Oslofjord is prohibited.

### *Section 4. Exemptions*

The prohibition on the discharge of sewage outlined in section 3 does not apply to:

- a. discharge resulting from damage to the recreational craft or its equipment, provided all reasonable precautions were taken before and after the damage to prevent or minimise discharge;
- b. recreational craft with a sewage treatments plant in accordance with the standard NS-EN ISO 8099-2;
- c. recreational craft protected or given historical status by the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage.

### *Section 5. Responsibility of the skipper*

The skipper is responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of these Regulations.

### *Section 6. Entry into force*

These Regulations enter into force on 1 July 2024.

### *Section 7. Amendments to other regulations*

From the day these Regulations enter into force, the following amendments are made to other regulations:

In the Regulations of 30 May 2012 No. 488 on environmental safety for ships and mobile offshore units (Environmental Safety Regulations), section 10 new third paragraph should read:

*In the sea areas and coastal areas from the Swedish border to the Agder County border, extending to the boundary of the management plan for the North Sea and the Skagerrak (baseline), including all branches of the fjord as well as the inner Oslofjord, the Regulations on the prohibition on the discharge of sewage from recreational craft in the Oslofjord shall apply.*

Current section 10 third paragraph becomes fourth paragraph, and current fourth paragraph becomes fifth paragraph.

In the Regulations of 1 June 2004 No. 931 on pollution control (Pollution Regulations), section 23-2 first paragraph second sentence should read:

*This does not apply to ships certified for international voyages which have a gross tonnage of 400 or above or are certified to carry more than 15 persons.*