

Flow chart for minimum grey water requirements for vessels on inland waters

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EPA 946/11: All vessel owners must adhere to the grey water rules as set down by the Code of practice for vessel and facility management (marine and inland waters). This information sheet provides a flow chart to summarise the requirements for vessels on inland waters.

Introduction

The *Code of practice for vessel and facility management (marine and inland waters)*, introduced in 2008, is linked to the *Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2003*, and supersedes the *Code of practice for vessels on inland waters (2003)*. It contains mandatory requirements for vessel operators managing black water (toilet wastes) and grey water (wastewater that has been used for washing, laundering, bathing or showering).

The code requires inland waters vessel operators to retain all black water on board and undertake measures to manage grey water. Through the release of its grey water, a vessel can cause significant harm, especially in sensitive aquatic areas. Grey water discharges from a vessel can also pose health risks to those on board and other recreational river users. For example, water extracted from the River Murray is often only filtered for use in the kitchen sink; in many cases the water used for washing, showers and spas is taken directly from the River Murray and may therefore contain pollutants released by an adjacent vessel, or even one's own.

This code requires all commercial vessels and most private vessels to install a containment or treatment system for grey water, however, it is recognised that such options may be unsuitable for some private vessels due to the individual size and operational requirements.

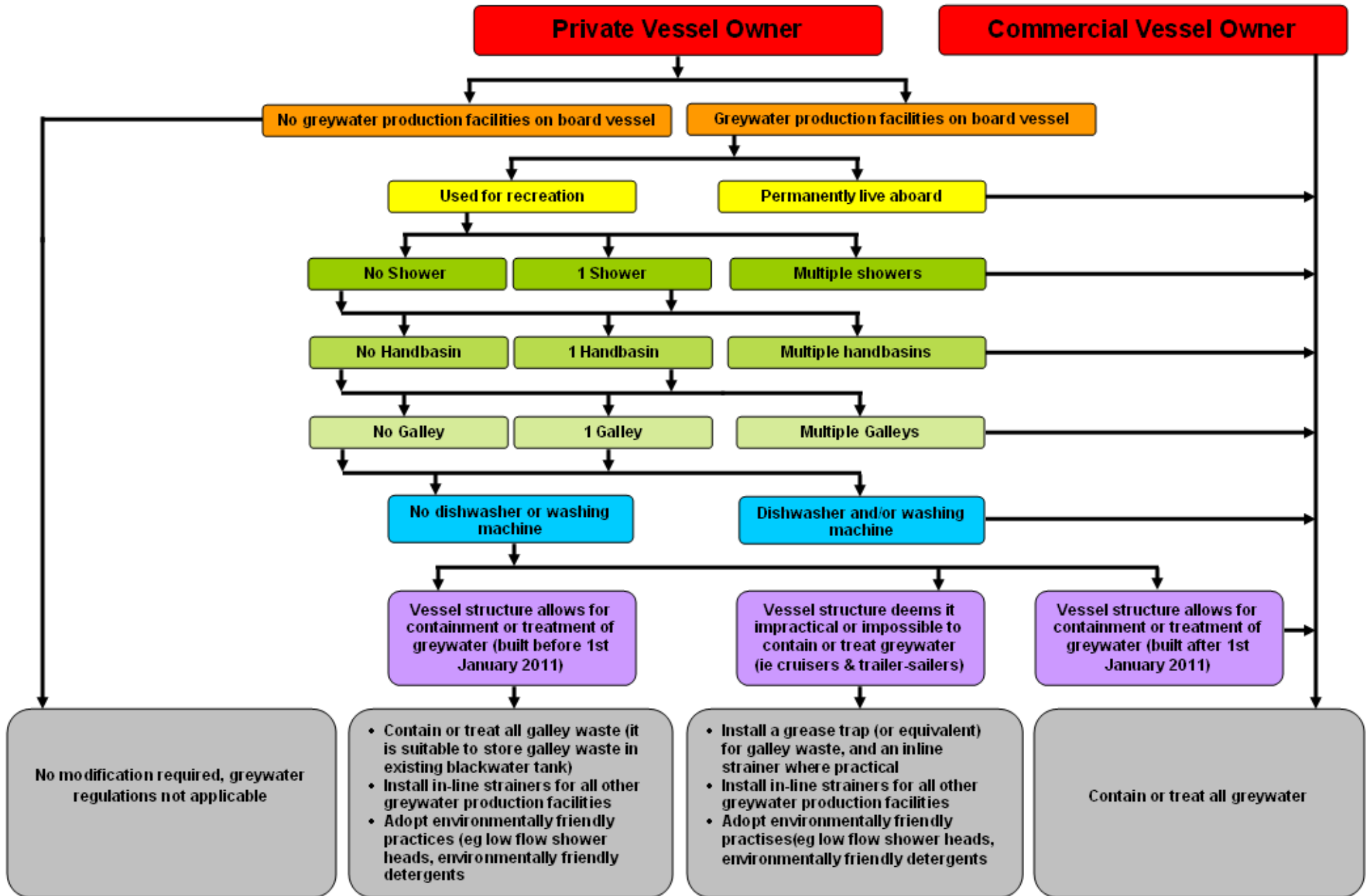
Vessel flow chart

The following flow chart summarises the grey water management requirements for vessels operating on inland waters, and should be read in conjunction with the code of practice and other EPA publications, including:

- *Wastewater requirements for vessels on inland waters*
- *Grey water requirements for small vessels and vessels with minimal grey water production facilities*
- *FAQ: Grey water requirements for vessels on inland waters*
- *The use and management of spa baths on houseboats.*

These publications are available for download from the EPA website <www.epa.sa.gov.au/vfm>.

Flow chart depicting the minimum grey water requirements for vessels on inland waters



More information

For more information on how to make your vessel compliant with regulations contained in the code of practice, please contact:

- Mannum Marine (Greenings Landing) – 8569 1609
- The Marina Hindmarsh Island – 8555 7300
- Mannum Slipway – 8569 1620
- Morgan Slipway – 0431 398 334
- Long Island Marina & Slipway – 8532 6900

Useful websites

EPA vessel and facility management pages <www.epa.sa.gov.au/vfm>.

Disclaimer

This publication is a guide only and does not necessarily provide adequate information in relation to every situation. This publication seeks to explain your possible obligations in a helpful and accessible way. In doing so, however, some detail may not be captured. It is important, therefore, that you seek information from the EPA itself regarding your possible obligations and, where appropriate, that you seek your own legal advice.

Further information

Legislation

Legislation may be viewed on the Internet at: <www.legislation.sa.gov.au>

Copies of legislation are available for purchase from:

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