

Deliberate Dumping

Drop by drop, oil illegally dumped from commercial ships accounts for 46% – nearly half – of all the oil entering the world's oceans from human sources.

While major industrial accidents like the Deepwater Horizon spill or the wreck of the Exxon Valdez receive most of the media attention, intentional dumping of waste oil by commercial ships is a much larger and more widespread problem.

Oil pollution is a crime!
By law you must report all oil spills to the National Response Center.

Report Oil Spills

The National Response Center
1-800-424-8802

State Response Centers
NJ: 1-877-927-6337
NY: 1-800-457-7362

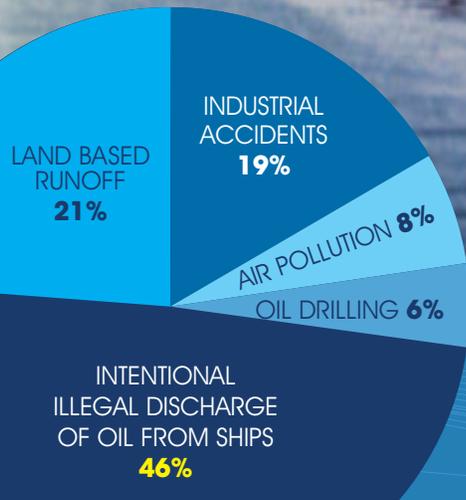
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The Hidden Epidemic Marine Oil Pollution



Human Sources of Oil in the Ocean



*A Guide for Mariners &
Environmental Educators*

Highly Toxic.

Long-term effects.

Oil is made up of many chemicals, some of which are highly toxic. When spilled into the marine environment, these chemicals – and their impact – can linger for years.

Even a tiny amount of oil can harm young, developing animals.



A recent study of pink salmon shows what can happen to young fish exposed to the toxins in oil.

Key Oil Pollution Laws

The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, known as **MARPOL 73/78**, is a treaty establishing rules about oil and other marine pollution.

MARPOL requires that oily-wastewater on ships be processed by an oily water separator equipped with an oil content monitor. Discharges may contain no more than 15 parts per million of oil.

MARPOL also requires that all discharges be recorded in an oil record book.

The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) implements MARPOL in the United States.

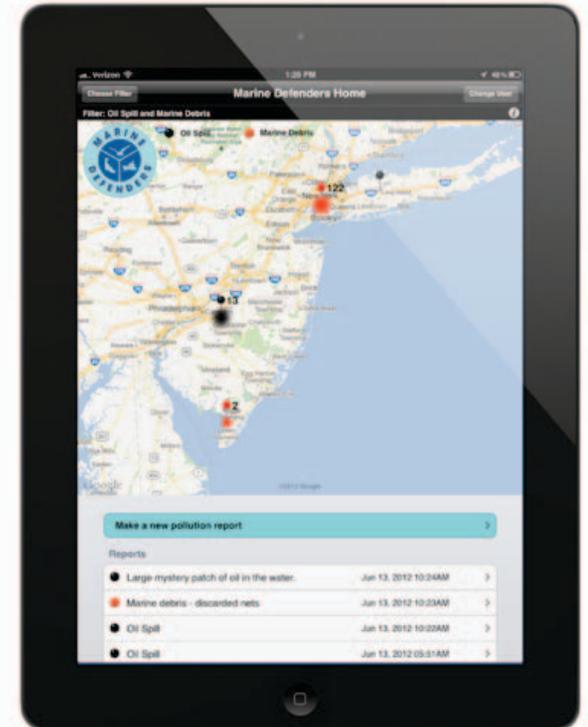
In addition to million dollar fines, company owners, ship officers and crew members can be held criminally liable and face prosecution and imprisonment for MARPOL violations.

Lying to a Coast Guard officer, presenting a falsified oil record book, hiding evidence, or telling mariners not to tell the truth, can all be felony offenses and can lead to heavy fines and prison time for everyone involved.

Whistleblowers who report a violation can receive up to half of the fine imposed on the company. In recent years, awards have ranged from \$40,000 to more than \$400,000.

Become a Marine Defender

Join the fight against oil pollution:
download the Marine Defenders app for iPad, iPhone, & Android devices.



The Marine Defenders app allows you to report oil pollution and marine debris. All reports are mapped online. Oil spill reports will be sent to the National Response Center.

Join today! Fight against intentional oil pollution in our waters.