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## **A Panel Discussion on Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection**

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OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PORTS  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**

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# **USCG Core Mission: Protecting the environment since 1790.**

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- **Promote Safety and environmental stewardship**
- **Encourage pollution prevention policy internationally, nationally and locally**
- **Encourage best practice methodology and use of technology by working with industry and our international trading partners**
- **Enforcement policies as a Flag and Port State Authority**

**AND**

- **Keep shipping on the move with minimal delays**
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# Protecting the marine environment and where to Start!

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- **Sustainable oceans start with clean oceans**
- **Leadership: Locally, Nationally, Internationally**
- **Making the connections for enhancing stewardship opportunities and**
- **Measuring Successes: working together, making progress through outreach and education.**



# **Sustainable oceans start with clean oceans: what to do with ship' s waste?**

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- **IMO' s Marine Environment Protection Committee MEPC began meeting in 1973 shortly after IMO adopted the Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships or MARPOL.**
  - **Numerous regulations in MARPOL for Ships.**
  - **One important regulation in MARPOL for ports:**
    - **“the Government of each Party is to ensure the provision for reception of ship-generated residues”**
  - **Submissions to MEPC 2 (1974) from Port States indicate a problem with adequate port reception facilities**
  - **The problem persists to this day, but we are making progress!**
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# **USCG: Leadership roles, Locally, Nationally, Internationally**

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- **At the IMO: working with member states from around the world - 1973 to the present.**
- **Implementing National Legislation: Act to Prevent Pollution From Ships (APPS) and partnering with stakeholders.**
- **Captain of the Port (COTP) authority: locally implementing MARPOL at US Ports and Facilities**



# A brief history: Implementing MARPOL

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- **Internationally:**
    - 1975 MEPC Working Group on port reception facilities (PRF)
    - 1978 Protocol to Amend MARPOL 1973 Annexes relating to Oil and Noxious Liquids
    - 1983 Ratification of MARPOL and its Annexes
    - 2000 Guidance by MEPC Resolution on PRF “adequacy”
    - 2007 IMO Correspondence Group on solving inadequacy of PRF (2008 – US leadership)
    - 2009 Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) goes live
  - **Nationally:**
    - 1980’ s US Ratifies MARPOL and Annexes I, II, III, V
    - 1990’ s APPS and US Regulations in place, Certificate of Adequacy Program established
    - 2004 Publication of US Port Reception Facility/COA Program Information (Paper)
    - 2008 Electronic (with public access) Coast Guard Marine Information Exchange website fulfills PRF publication requirement.
  - **Locally**
    - 1990’ s Guidance issued to local unit commanders implementing MARPOL and COA program for Ports and Terminals
    - 1993 COTP has authority to enforce MARPOL
    - 2000 to present COA’ s issued by local units by qualified port facility inspectors
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# Making the connections for enhancing stewardship opportunities

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- 2008 Marseille – International Conference on the Environmentally Sound Management of Waste Generated at Sea
  - 2009 IMO, London – Correspondence Group completes its work: proposes resolution for a program of technical cooperation to member states on PRFs
  - 2009 Geneva – International Organization for Standardization (ISO) begins work on publication of international standards for ships waste management/port reception facilities
  - 2010 MEPC recommends funding of two seminars on port reception facilities
  - 2012 PRF Seminar for Mediterranean Region countries (Hosted by Belgium/Port of Antwerp)
  - 2013 PRF Seminar for Caribbean Region countries ( Hosted by USCG, OAS-CIP Secretariat Keynote Address)
  - 2014 OAS-CIP Seminar of Port Safety and Security
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## **Measuring Successes: working together, making progress through outreach and education.**

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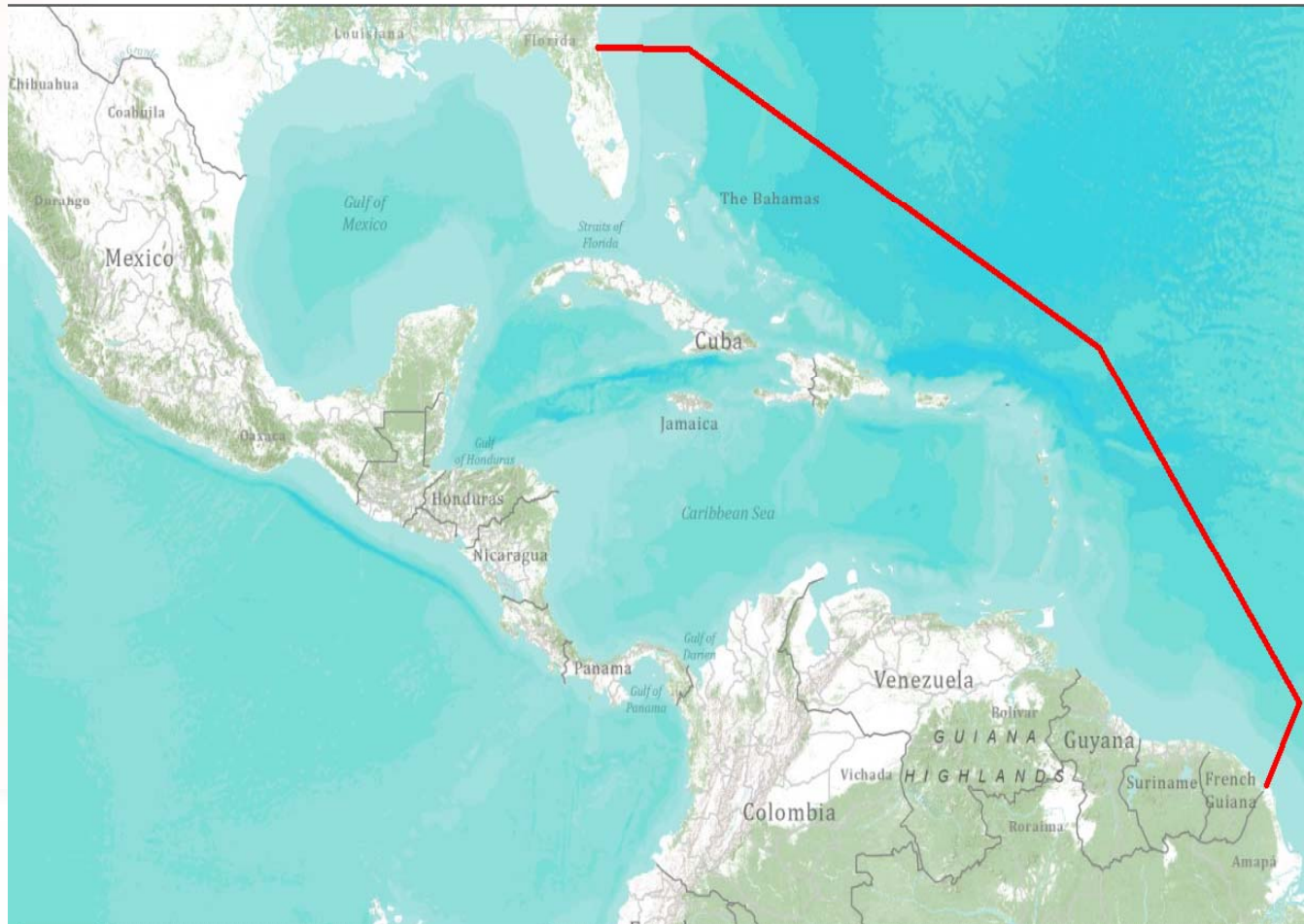
- **2009 IMO, London – Practical Guidance published for mariners and port operators, use of GISIS, reporting of PRF inadequacies, record keeping**
  - **2010 Proposal for Wider Caribbean Region Special Area protections to come into effect (adopted in 1991) – meeting in Panama and seminar on GISIS and PRF reporting to IMO**
  - **2011 Wider Caribbean Region Special Area restrictions in effect (20 years after being adopted at IMO)**
  - **2012 Amendments to Annex V adopted: a sea change from discharges allowed to a no discharge scheme.**
  - **Jan 1, 2013, Amendments to Annex V go into effect: no discharge of Garbage into the sea.**
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**Wider Caribbean Region Special Area (WCR SA)**  
**Thousands of Square Miles of ocean with special protections!**  
**But only possible if Ports are able to do their part!!**

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