

# Fact Sheet

## Motor Yachts and Vessels 300 GRTs or Greater California Fueling Requirements

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*NOTE: This fact sheet is only a summary of requirements.  
Review all statutes and regulations for full requirements in advance.  
References are to the California Government Code §8670.1 et seq. and  
the California Code of Regulations Title 14, section 790 et seq.*

*Your fuel/bunker provider may be able to assist you with these requirements.*

### Need and Timing

- **Motor Yachts and other watercraft 300 gross registered tons or greater that carry fuel or oil (not as cargo) are considered “nontank” vessels.**
- **Oil transfer (e.g. fueling) requirements apply to nontank vessels that have an oil carrying capacity of over 250 barrels (10,500 gallons). If over 250 barrels, you must have the following:**
  - **Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan.**
  - **Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR).**
  - **Seven Barrel Spill Kit.**
  - **Emergency shutdown capabilities.**
  - **Two way voice communication.**
  - **The equipment, personnel, and procedures sufficient to contain a 50 bbl spill must be present on-site during all transfer operations.**
- **If under 250 barrels capacity, there are no oil transfer requirements, but you must have the following for your nontank vessel:**
  - **Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan.**
  - **Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR).**

### Fueling in California Marine Waters – Brief Summary

- **You need to maintain a level of readiness to effectively implement your oil spill contingency plan in case there is a spill from your nontank vessel.**
- **If you do have an oil spill:**
  - **Be safe! Secure the source, if possible.**
  - **Contain the oil, if possible.**
  - **Make these required notifications, as found in your contingency plan:**
    - **National Response Center (NRC); California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA).**

- **Your Qualified Individual (QI) and your Oil Spill Response Organization (OSRO), immediately but not more than 30 minutes after the discovery of the spill.**
- **Questions about how to comply? We'll help. Call the OSPR Preparedness Branch at (916) 322-1195. For more information, see CA Gov. C. §8670.28 et seq.; 14 CCR 840 et seq.**