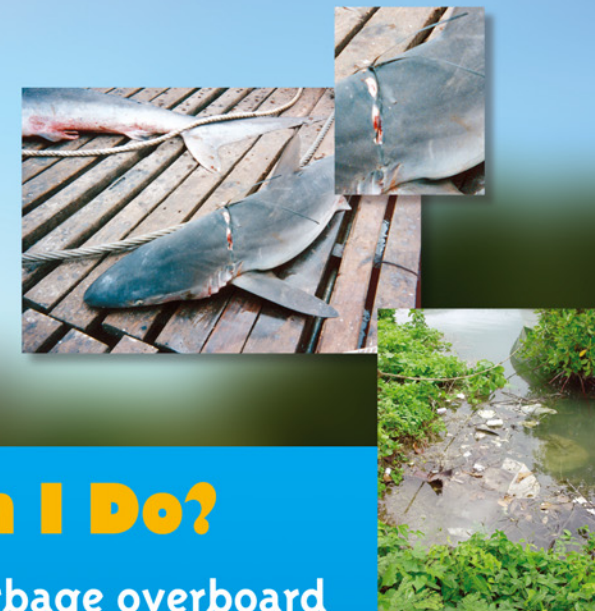




THINK!! don't THROW

A message to all those who go to sea



Why Should I Care?

- Sea turtles and seabirds may mistake plastic for food, and eating it could cause them to die
- Marine animals are curious and can get tangled in plastic strapping and other derelict fishing gear
- Water cooling intakes on boats can be blocked by plastic bags
- Propellers and underwater equipment can be fouled by discarded plastic bags, fishing line and nets
- Under an international law, the disposal of all plastics at sea is prohibited
- Oil is a hazardous substance that is toxic to marine life, and can cover and kill seagrass beds, mangroves, corals, and other marine organisms
- Seabirds can die when they try to clean themselves of oil, which interferes with the natural insulation system provided by their feathers
- Garbage, oil and other marine debris spoil the appearance of beaches, mangroves and reef flats for everyone

What Can I Do?

- Don't throw plastics and other garbage overboard
- Remove unnecessary packaging from items before going to sea
- Ensure you have adequate storage for garbage on board
- Provide a separate bin or bag for storing plastics
- Display notices on board explaining where garbage is stored
- Dispose of all garbage on shore at the end of each trip
- Fix oil leaks before they drip into the bilge
- Fit a drip pan under the engine to catch any leaking oil
- Use oil absorption materials in the bilge
- Transfer old engine oil and oily bilge water into a container and dispose of it on shore
- Remind others not to pollute or discard garbage into the ocean

