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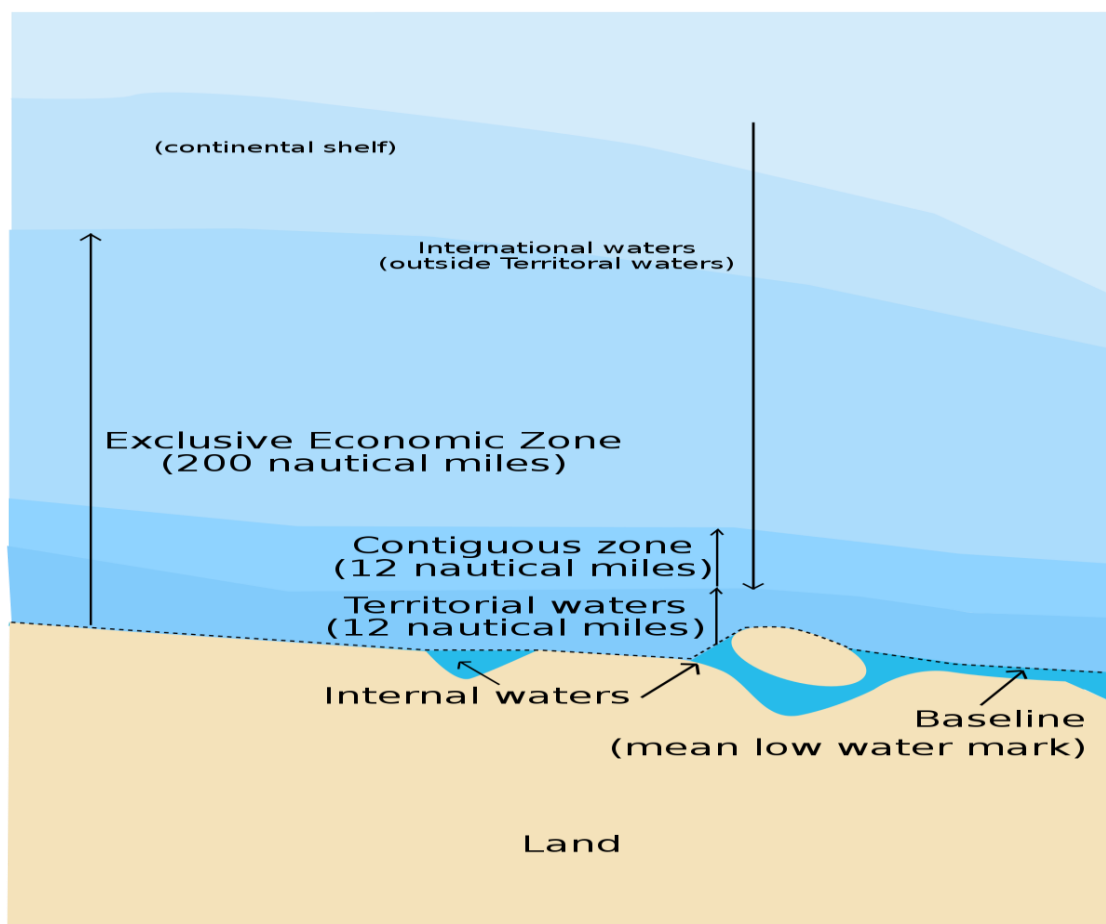
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NAVIGATION IN TERRITORIAL WATERS¹

1. GENERAL

Prior entering the territorial waters of nations for the purpose of hold cleaning , waiting for laycan etc . the Master shall understand the legal implications.

The territorial waters are regarded as the sovereign territory and every state has the right to establish the breadth of its territorial waters up to a limit not exceeding **12 nautical miles**, measured from baselines determined in accordance with UNCLOS Convention.



All ships enjoy the right of innocent passage through a nations territorial waters. The vessel can enter the territorial waters on a direct sea passage en-route to a port or when calling a port for cargo , bunkering operations etc.

Under normal circumstances, while on an **innocent passage** the vessel shall not enter the territorial waters just for the purpose of drifting, hold cleaning, waiting for laycan etc. Where possible, these activities shall be planned and conducted outside territorial waters.

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If instructions are received from the operators or charterers to stop , drift , anchor, wait for laycan or perform hold cleaning operations in an area within the territorial waters, the Master shall not blindly oblige/comply with these instructions as the vessel may violate the country regulations regarding territorial waters.

The Master shall carefully check the chart and see if these activities can be done outside the territorial waters.

If there is no other option available and these activities are to be conducted within the territorial waters, then the country regulations requirements for reporting of stopping, drifting, or anchoring while on innocent passage through their territorial waters shall be strictly complied with to avoid any confrontation, fines, or detention.

Particular care should be taken in and around confines of the Indonesian/ Singapore waters, Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Iranian territorial waters (and disputed territorial limits).

While slow steaming or drifting the Master should agree a holding area marked on the ECDIS and ensure the OOW complies with the instruction.

Example: Refer below hold cleaning area in the PERSIAN GULF marked on ECDIS

The marked area shall be 12 miles away from baseline / land or any small islands.

