

Sail Training International

BLUE FLAG SCHEME

CODE OF CONDUCT

(For sail training vessels)



The individual Blue Flag is awarded to the interested vessel owner/operator upon signing the following Code of Conduct:

I will not throw garbage into the sea or along the coast. (Vessels undertaking a long passage and needing to dispose of some bio waste appropriately will need to attach their waste management plan for approval by FEE).

I will not discharge black water (sewage) holding tanks in coastal waters, sensitive sea areas or harbours. I will arrange to discharge my black water tanks in the reception facilities provided by the port authority or marina. (Only applicable for vessels with holding tanks).

I will not release toilet water in the sea in near coastal waters and sensitive areas. (Only applicable for vessels without holding tanks).

I will not release poisonous or toxic waste (oil, paint, used batteries, cleaning agents, etc) in the sea. I will deliver these types of waste to the containers at the appropriate reception facilities provided by the port authority or marina.

I will undertake and promote recycling and the use of recycling facilities.

I will use the most environmentally friendly products among paints, anti-foulings, paint remover, detergents, etc, that are available and work efficiently.

I will report pollution or other violations of environmental regulations to the appropriate authorities.

I will not engage in forbidden fishing practices and I will respect time periods when fishing is prohibited.

I will protect animals and plants in the sea, including not disturbing breeding birds, seals or other marine animals.

I will respect vulnerable and protected areas.

I will avoid damage of the sea bottom, eg in the way that I anchor.

I will avoid disturbing fishing activities or fishing gear.

I will not buy or use objects made from protected species or from archaeological underwater findings.

I will encourage other sailors also to take care of the environment.



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