World Sailing Code of Environmental Friendly Behaviour

Protect our Seas, Lakes and Waterways

**Garbage**

- reduce the amount of waste you make (remove packaging before you take things on board)
- Re-use whatever you can – (re-fill plastic drinks bottles for example)
- Recycle as much as possible – depending on what facilities exist in your country
  And never throw any waste over the side!

**Sewage**

- Use toilets on-shore whenever possible
- Use a holding tank if you have one fitted and empty at least 3 miles from shore
- Avoid discharging sewage close to shore and in sensitive habitats

**Pollution**

- Keep your engine well maintained to avoid oil and fuel leaks
- Put an absorbent pad in your bilge to collect any oil and dispose of this ashore
- When refuelling or carrying out maintenance, take great care not to allow oil and fuel to enter the water
- Try to use environmentally friendly cleaning and maintenance products on your boat
- Capture any antifouling scrapings and dispose of them appropriately on shore

**Respecting habitats and wildlife**

- Navigate carefully around wildlife on the water – keep your distance!
- Launch and recover craft from appropriate sites to avoid damaging or trampling sensitive habitats
- Take care when anchoring to avoid damaging the seabed

**Non-native species**

- Apply effective antifouling on a regular basis to help reduce the spread of invasive and damaging non-native species
- For craft moved between water bodies, wash down thoroughly on leaving a water body to ensure nothing hitchs a ride
- Wash off anchors and chains on leaving an anchoring site