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## THE INDIVIDUAL BLUE FLAG FOR BOATOWNERS



The small individual Blue Flag is awarded to the boatowner/-user, not to the boat.

The individual Blue Flag is awarded to interested boatowners signing an environmental code of conduct declaring that he/she will act according the issues outlined in the environmental code of conduct.

The following issues must be included in the environmental code of conduct:

- I will not throw garbage into the sea or along the coast
- I will not release toilet water in the sea in coastal waters and sensitive areas
- I will not release of poisonous or toxic waste (oil, paint, used batteries, cleaning agents, etc.) in the sea. I will deliver these types of waste to the containers in the marina
- I will promote and use recycling facilities (glass, paper, etc.)
- I will use the most environmentally friendly products among paints, anti-foulings, paint remover, detergents, etc, that are available and work efficiently
- I will instantly report pollution or other violation of environmental regulations to the authorities
- I will not use forbidden fishing practice and I will respect periods when fishing is prohibited
- I will protect animals and plants in the sea, including no disturbance of breeding birds, seals or other marine mammals
- I will respect vulnerable and nature protected areas
- I will avoid damage of the sea bottom, e.g. in the way that I anchor
- I will avoid disturbing fishery 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

Other issues can be included in the national environmental code of conduct.

The small individual Blue Flag for boatowners can be obtained both through the marinas, the national organisations and the International Co-ordination.

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The design of and the issues included in the national environmental code of conducts are different from country to country.

The national operator should register the sailers flying the individual Blue Flag in a Blue Flag Environmental Club with name and address.

When producing material about the Blue Flag Campaign and press releases the sailers will receive a copy in order to be updated about the Blue Flag Campaign.

The Individual Blue Flag for boatowners should be promoted by the national operators and on the Blue Flag homepage.

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