

# HELP US PROTECT OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT



We can all help to protect our marine environment by how we behave while at sea and in port. We need you to play your role in supporting our efforts under the Code of Conduct of the Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme. The full Code is available from the Captain; but here's what we want (and expect) you to do as a member of our crew:

- Never throw anything over-board, whether at sea or in port unless on a long distance passage and your vessel's waste management plan has been approved.
- Do not release toilet water into the sea in near coastal waters and sensitive areas (for vessels without black water holding tanks).
- Use, and promote the use of, recycling facilities ashore.
- Do not buy or use objects made from protected species or from archaeological underwater findings.
- Encourage others to take care of our marine environment, while on board and at all other times.

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# Sail Training International BLUE FLAG SCHEME

Help protect our marine environment  
JOIN TODAY AND FLY THE FLAG



Protecting the marine environment is important to all of us. We hope you share our view that it is particularly important for sail training vessels to set a good example, for the trainees who sail with you and those who see your vessel in port.

We have therefore joined forces with the Foundation for Environmental Education to introduce and promote their 'Blue Flag' scheme for sail training vessel owners/operators that belong to one of

Sail Training International's member national sail training organisations, or who compete in our races. It is known as the 'Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme'.

The Foundation for Environmental Education's Blue Flag scheme was introduced many years ago, initially to promote clean beaches and marinas. More recently the FEE extended the scheme to include boat owners. Environmental agencies and organisations around the world promote the Blue Flag scheme.

This new initiative is a collaboration between the Foundation for Environmental Education, based in Denmark, and Sail Training International. It is administered by Sail Training International working with our member national organisations.

Joining the Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme is simple. Complete the attached application form, sign the attached Code of Conduct and send them both (by mail, fax or email) to:

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In return you will be sent:

- a certificate of acceptance (which you should carry on board your vessel).
- the Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme flag and pennant in a suitable size for your vessel (which we ask you to display when you are in a port).
- a small poster for you to display on board for the benefit of your trainee crew members.

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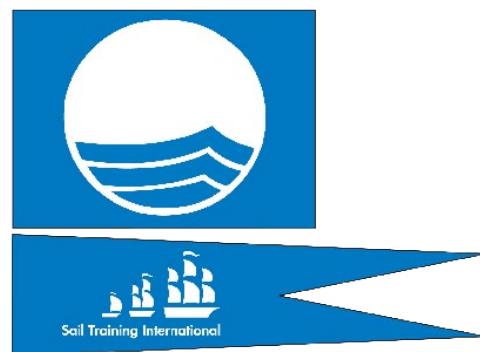


# Sail Training International

## 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.

Vessel name: .....

Signed (vessel owner): .....

Signed (country representative Sail Training International): .....

Date: .....

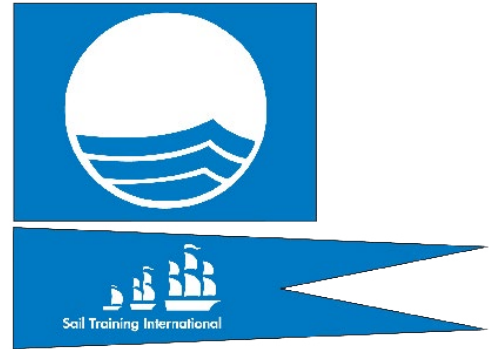
*The Sail Training International Blue Flag scheme for sail training vessel owners/operators is promoted and monitored by Sail Training International ([www.sailtraininginternational.org](http://www.sailtraininginternational.org)) and the Foundation for Environmental Education ([www.fee-international.org](http://www.fee-international.org)). Sail Training International and the Foundation for Environmental Education will maintain a register of all vessel owners/operators approved for the scheme.*



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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

For and on behalf of:

Organisation: .....  
Vessel name: .....

We wish to support the sail training industry's efforts to protect the marine environment. Accordingly we hereby apply to become a member of the Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme. We have read, understood, signed and undertake to comply with the Code of Conduct (attached).

Vessel name: .....  
Signed: .....  
Name: .....  
Title: .....  
Date: .....

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Name: .....  
Title: .....  
Address: .....  
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