



### **The Blue Flag for private Boat owners' Environmental Code of Conduct**

1. I will not throw garbage into the sea or along the coast.
2. I will not release toilet water in coastal waters and sensitive areas.
3. I will use on board watertight toilets.
4. I will not release poisonous or toxic waste (oil, paint, used batteries, cleaning agents, etc) into the sea. I will deliver these types of waste to authorized company, asking for assistance from port managers if necessary.
5. I will promote and use recycling facilities (glass, paper, etc).
6. I will use environmentally friendly products for boat maintenance (paints, antifouling agents, detergents, solvents, etc.).
7. I will instantly report pollution or other violation of environmental regulations to the authorities.
8. I will not engage in forbidden fishing practices and I will respect periods when fishing is prohibited.
9. I will protect animals and plants in the sea, including no disturbance of breeding birds, seals or other marine mammals.
10. I will respect vulnerable and nature protected areas.
11. I will avoid damaging the sea floor in the way that I anchor, especially in Posidonia prairies and in archeological sites.
12. I will avoid disturbing fishery or fishing gear.
13. I will not buy or use objects made from protected species or from archaeological underwater findings.
14. I will reduce as much as possible the use of water, electricity and fuels.
15. I will make sure not to waste fuel at sea during refueling.
16. I will encourage other boaters to take care of the environment.