



# Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme



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# Blue Flag

Eco-label for beaches, marinas, and boats



**A Programme of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)**





# Issues in the Marine Environment

- 600,000 plastic containers dumped into the ocean everyday
- Oil can harm oxygen producing phytoplankton
- Rouge nets can entangle sea life





# Pollution

As defined by the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea:

“The introduction by man, directly or indirectly, of substances or energy into the marine environment, including estuaries, which results or is likely to result in such deleterious effects as harm to living resources and marine life, hazards to human health, hindrance to marine activities, including fishing and other legitimate use of the sea, impairment of quality for the use of the sea water and reduction of amenities.”



# Development of the Blue Flag Programme

- **1985:** Blue Flag idea introduced in France
- **1987:** Blue Flag introduced in Europe with EU support
- **2001:** Blue Flag Programme became international with South Africa
- **2009:** NRP Sagres joins Blue Flag Scheme
  - This led STI to develop the Scheme specifically for sail training vessels
- **2012:** 58 countries with full Blue Flag status –
- More than 40 sail training vessels registered with Blue Flag

# Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme

A Sail Training International initiative supporting marine protection and conservation, based on the Blue Flag Scheme for boats developed by FEE

Code of Conduct adapted by Sail Training International

Scheme managed by Sail Training International and its member national organisations (with International Youth Council support) in collaboration with Blue Flag country representatives



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# What is Expected

- Never throw anything over-board, whether on land or at sea
- Do not release toilet water into the sea in near coastal waters and sensitive areas.
- Use, and promote the use of, recycling facilities ashore
- Do not buy or use objects made from protected species or from archaeological underwater findings
- Encourages others to take care of our marine environment, and at all other times

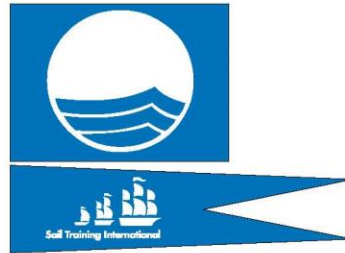


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# Sail Training International BLUE FLAG SCHEME

*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:

Francoise Pinget  
Sail Training International  
5 Mumby Road  
Gosport  
Hampshire PO12 1AA  
England  
Fax: +44 (0)23 9258 4661  
Email: [blueflag@sailtraininginternational.org](mailto:blueflag@sailtraininginternational.org)

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 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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Country: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

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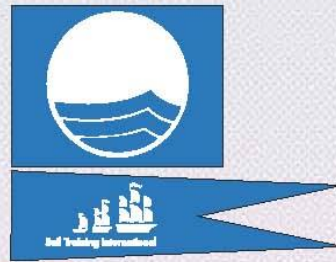


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**CERTIFICATE 2011**



This is to certify that

of

is a member of the Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme, and has undertaken to abide by the scheme's Code of Conduct.

**President**

Foundation for Environmental Education

**President and Chairman**

Sail Training International

(Date)

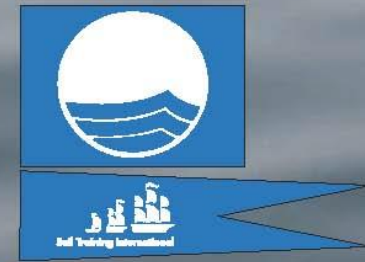
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**HELP US**  
**PROTECT**  
**OUR MARINE**  
**ENVIRONMENT**



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.
- 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.
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# Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme

Sail Training International will provide participating vessels with the flag:



Certificate of membership to be kept on board and a poster for display in trainee crew quarters...



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# What Can You Do?

- Keep a log what comes on and off the ship
  - Involve trainees
- Organize a recycling system onboard
- If it came from the sea, then it can go back into the sea
- Educate your crew/trainees about the consequences of marine waste
- Coordinate with ports to ensure your shipboard waste is disposed of properly
- Be conscious of where you are anchoring and sailing
  - Avoid fishing grounds
  - Avoid damage to sea bottom



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Feedback and questions please?



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