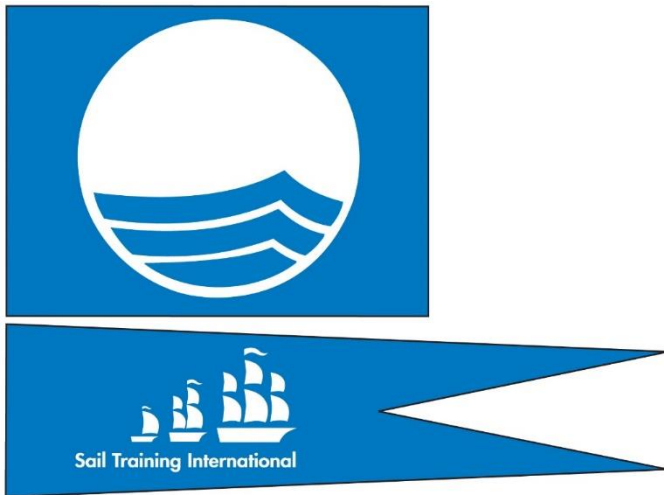


Blue Flag behaviour and environmental issues: at sea and in port



The Tall Ships Races and Regattas



Ships

**Youth
Development**

**International
Friendship**

**Environmental
Awareness**

SPECTACLE

SPIRIT

- ✓ Create affinity with a broad public audience
- ✓ Provide a strong platform for engagement



Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme



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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Sail Training International is the international voice of sail training, promoting the interests of youth development and sail training providers (www.sailtraininginternational.org).*



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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 intended vessel over an 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 to be able to return to port will need to attach their waste management plan for approval by FEE).
- I will not discharge black water (sewage) holding tanks in coastal waters, and this also applies to boats. I will arrange to discharge my black water tanks in the reception facilities provided by the port authority or marinas. (Only applicable for vessels with holding tanks).
- I will not release a hold bilge water in the sea in near coastal waters and sensitive areas. (Only applicable for vessels without holding tanks).
- I will not release a 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 marinas.
- I will undertake and provide recycling and the use of recycling facilities.
- I will use the most environmentally friendly products (serving points, anti-fouling, paint, varnish, detergents, etc.) that are available and work effectively.
- 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 the 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, e.g. in the way that anchors.
- 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:

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BLUE FLAG SCHEME

MEMBERSHIP
CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that
GUAYAS
of
ECUADOR

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

Chairman
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25 March 2015

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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 to enter the Code of Conduct of the Sail Training International Blue Flag Scheme. The full Code is available from the Captain; but here is what we would expect you to do as a member of our crew:

- Never throw anything overboard, 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 (to 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 other ecologically sensitive findings.
- Encourage others to take care of our marine environment, while on board and at all other times.

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BLUE FLAG AND STI PENNANT TO FLY IN PORTS



ISSUES...

- ❖ Captains not aware
- ❖ **Trainees not told**
- ❖ Vessels not promoting code of conduct in marketing
- ❖ **No support given to vessels**
- ❖ Minimal monitoring
- ❖ **Ports and media are interested**





FIVE OBJECTIVES ...



1. Support existing Blue Flag vessels to maintain standards
2. Educate trainees on Blue Flag behaviours and values
3. Encourage more vessels to sign up to the Blue Flag scheme
4. Educate and engage visitors and businesses during Races and Regatta
5. Working group to work on new criteria



1 SUPPORT EXISTING VESSELS

- **Vessel A-Z**
- **Give vessels logo and information for websites**
- Blue Flag National Operator contact
- Sponsored Environmental Award
- Eco school/college visits
- **Recycling in Host Ports**
- **Better information in Captains Manuals**
- Resources online
- Promotion campaign



2 EDUCATE TRAINEES

- www.sailonboard.com
- Translated posters
- Welcome pack
- Blue Flag Ambassador
- STI Youth Council



4 EDUCATE VISITORS

- Sail on Board stand
- STI video and photos
- Blue Flag stand/exhibition
- Blue Flag event i.e. school projects
- Port PR and promotion event theme i.e. *best in crew parade using recycled materials*
- Targeted corporate hospitality on Blue Flag vessels



3 ENCOURAGE MORE VESSELS

- Personal invitation from STI and FEE
- Resources on www.sailtraininginternational.org
- STI Annual Conference: session and information
- National Member Organisations
- Profile raising campaign





2018 ACTION SUMMARY

1. STI/Blue Flag administrative revamp of existing scheme
2. Pilot year working with the Blue Flag National Operators
3. FEE adapt criteria Sustainable Boating Tourism Operator and work with STI on launching a new adapted scheme
4. Present a revised scheme at 2018 National Operators Meeting and the 2018 STI Conference



