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International charter for eco responsible yachtsmen

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3rd millenium yachting

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By signing this charter, I undertake to do my best to respect and ensure that everyone on board respects the principles and advice that it promotes. I also agree to share this charter with my pontoon neighbors and to encourage its dissemination and application in the yacht clubs that I frequent.

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Eco-Responsible Yachtsman

This charter is a guide. It is not a sum of constraints.

It is based on respect for the inhabitants of the coast, the marine environment, other boaters, and oneself.

Its purpose is to encourage everyone to think about their practices and to experience navigation in optimal conditions for the preservation of fragile coastlines and the marine environment, which are increasingly damaged by human activity every day.

1 - Prepare for your trip.

- Prefer to use a search engine based on respect for the environment like Lilo, Ecosia.
- Choose a rental center with an ethical and ecological charter. Make sure that the boat has a black water management tank (black water = toilet water).
- To reach your boat, choose an eco-responsible mode of travel if possible. The train and the bus in priority, otherwise by car with several passengers.
- Find out about the inhabitants of the regions and countries that welcome you: tradition, economy, resources, shortages.
- Find out about the prevailing winds, the possible routes, the shelters, the possibilities of anchorages.
- Find out about marine ecosystems, protected areas and the rules in force.
- Encourage your crew to bring sunscreen, soaps and products that preserve the marine environment (remember that your shower water and dishes go directly to the sea!).

2 - Before departure at sea

- Review with your crew the safety rules, good practices for life on board, everyone's responsibility towards the marine environment, and the contents of this charter.
- When making purchases to fill the on-board canteen and therefore keep the crew in a good mood: Absolutely avoid all single-use plastics:
 - Cups, disposable plates, straws, etc.
 - Favor local, seasonal products, preferably organic, recyclable packaging, washing-up and cleaning products that respect the environment.
 - Limit packaging at the start to avoid having to store it; not all ports are sufficiently equipped for waste management.
- Check that your stopovers will have sorting and recycling possibilities. Ask your home base or the harbor master's office for advice.

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3 - At sea

As everywhere, life at sea is made up of a set of freedoms and constraints. Freedom to navigate wherever we want, to choose our itinerary, our agenda, to enjoy the coves with crystal clear waters or to get away from it all during more or less long sailing. At sea, the constraints are no longer those of everyday life, but those linked to nature: weather conditions, the shape of creeks and possible shelters, and the need to adapt one's behavior to the environment that welcomes us.

Some simple rules for a life on board in harmony with this environment are:

- **Do not throw anything** into the sea and sort your waste.
- **Do not touch or feed** marine animals.
- **Approach with caution and respect** marine animals and keep a safe distance.
- **If marine mammals are approaching, do not disturb** the mother-child pairs, do not cut off the trajectories of evolution.
- **Respect and show courtesy** to other users of the water body. Keep safe distances, in particular with dive boats flying the Alpha flag (100m) and boats fishing.
- **Use the engine as little as possible** within the limits of acceptable safety. Favor sailing, which is a pleasant, ecological, environmentally friendly and renewable means. If you must use your engine, stay within optimum efficiency ranges and do not overdrive your engine for no good reason because it over consumes fuel exponentially without a noticeable gain over recorded speed.

4 - Mooring

In a privileged moment of an outing at sea, anchoring for a few hours or a few days can be catastrophic or completely transparent to the marine environment. Therefore, how can we carry out responsible mooring?

- **Check the mooring rules** in force, existence of a protected area ...
- **Manage your approach speed** according to the regulations in force, so as not to hamper boaters and to avoid destroying the banks by wave waves.
- **Use chests and mooring buoys** instead of the anchor.
- **Choose to anchor in sandy areas** to preserve marine flora and avoid anchoring in seagrass (posidonia) and coral beds.
- **Set down and raise your anchor without excessive traction** to avoid "plowing" the seabed.
- **Do not collect sand, corals, seashells, starfish** or other marine life.
- **Limit your fishing actions to what is strictly necessary** for on-board consumption, under no circumstances resell the product of your fishing and do not take endangered species, even if the local law allows you to do so.

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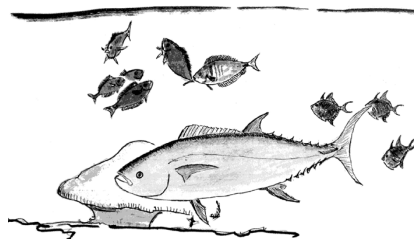
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- **Manage your toilet water** so as not to pollute the bay that welcomes you.
- **Limit the noise level** of your crew and your Hi-Fi installation to avoid disturbing marine life and out of respect for your mooring neighbors.
- **Limit your water consumption** to what is strictly necessary, both at anchor and in port.
- **Produce your energy by favoring solar and wind** when possible and limit the use of the motor. When boats are equipped with air conditioning, use fans for as long as possible that consume much less energy than air conditioning and which guarantee very good results on the perceived heat.

5 - The stopover

Where we realize that navigation is also a fantastic way to discover the land. Do not hesitate to visit, discuss, share. At each stopover you will find a world waiting to meet you.

- **To empty the bins on the shore**, walk a few dozen meters after the beach bins, you will certainly find the selective sorting bins. Otherwise, ask locals to report them to you.
- **Do not buy souvenirs torn from the sea**, shark teeth, turtle shell, starfish, seahorses and other dried fish, coral, shells ...
- **Boycott restaurants that serve** shark fin soup, turtle meat, cetaceans, as well as fish caught by destructive means (dynamite, cyanide, etc.).
- **Ask restaurateurs how the seafood they offer is caught**, and what agreements they have with local fishermen.



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I alert, I share, I encourage

In the event of pollution or damage to the environment, notify the competent authorities.

- **Share with your crew** and fellow boaters the need to reduce our impact on the environment.
- **Publicize the International Charter** for Eco-Responsible Yachtsmen and encourage actions to preserve the marine environment.

Boat Owners

For Boaters who are lucky enough to own their boat and have the pleasure of carrying out its maintenance, choose eco-responsible practices to achieve it.

- Prefer hull paints (antifouling) which minimize their impact on the marine environment. Products without biocide and heavy metals are now entering the yachting market.
- Regular washing of the hull with a sponge makes it possible to limit more costly interventions such as the fairing which requires removal from the water. It also minimizes the impact on the environment.
- When fairing with sanding and stripping of protective paints, use the areas provided for this purpose with retention facilities.
- When servicing the engine and the cooling system, do not discharge any oil, hydrocarbons or coolants into the sea and equip yourself with the necessary equipment for this purpose.
- The end of the life of boats is more and more integrated into national ecosystems, find out about the possibilities of deconstruction near your home port.



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