

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDUCT CODE

Dear Sir/Madam

In line with Marinas del Mediterráneo's undertaking to develop an active and improved environmental policy, and bearing in mind directives given under the Blue Flag campaign, we have drawn up the following environmental conduct code to remind you of the essential rules:

1. **Use radio and navigation instruments responsibly** so as not to endanger the safety of persons and/or boats; give warning of any floating objects or other dangers and practise jointly the duty to assist others at sea.

2. **Try to inform and be informed** of the location and characteristics of sensitive areas and those of scientific importance, as well as of nature reserves and of protected ecosystems in order to avoid them being accidentally damaged.

3. **Actively defend the conservation of sea life.** Respect protected spaces, marine mammals and other protected species and do not disturb bird nesting areas. Do not use prohibited ways of fishing or shell-fishing, respect close seasons and do not catch or consume juvenile or immature fish.

4. **Do not degrade the depths of the sea** by anchoring in sensitive areas or where this can interfere with the activities or equipment of fishing and shell-fishing. Rules regarding diving and underwater fishing must be respected.

5. **Do not acquire or use articles made from protected species** (coral, sea turtles, etc.) or which come from underwater archaeological sites, whose origin or legality is not proven.

6. **Keep the sea, beach and marina clean:**

- a. Do not throw any plastics or other type of rubbish into the sea or on to the beach.
- b. Do not pour or let any contaminating or toxic liquids or any other damaging substance escape into the sea.
- c. Endorse and use the selective/recycling collection points for solid wastes in the marina.

7. **Whenever possible, use products which are not damaging to the environment** (paints, varnishes, anti-fouling, paint removers, detergents, etc.). Deposit leftover paint, varnish and boat oil in the suitable containers for contaminating waste provided in the marina, supporting their recycling or special treatment in a different way from the remainder of the rubbish or sewerage. Use marina facilities for the extraction of bilge water and, as the case may be, of toilet units.

8. **Report any contravening of marina law to the competent authorities**, especially accidents and contamination by hydrocarbons or other chemical substances from the land, or illegal forms of fishing such as the use of bottom-set nets, etc.

9. **Contribute to an environmentally responsible management at the marina berth**, whether habitual or occasional, regarding the Blue Flag criteria, fulfilling shore and environmental legislation, the saving of water and electricity, selective collection of rubbish, environmental information, education and training of technical personnel and of the users of the marina, introduction of environmental management systems, etc.

10. Ensure your **behaviour** in daily life, at home, at work and within the community is as environmentally **responsible** as it is at sea, and endorse and participate in social and institutional initiatives which promote research, conservation and/or sustainable development of the shoreline.