



A joint environmental programme

COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR CLUBS/CENTRES

CLUB/CENTRE NAME	
TYPES OF BOATING	
COMPLETED BY	
DATE	

	CHECKLIST	YES/NO/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & ACTION PLAN	Do you have an Environmental Policy? This is a list of environmental best practice your club/centre and its members, visitors and staff will adhere to. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Writing an Environmental Policy • Example Environmental Policy 	
	If you already have an environmental policy, is it displayed on site and on your website for members and visitors to view?	
AWARENESS RAISING	Do you follow @TheGreenBlue on social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram)? This will help share posts and support the programmes social media campaign weeks to raise awareness amongst your members or customers.	
	Do you use The Green Blue's (TGBs) sustainable boating Info-graphics to post out on your social media platforms or insert into your newsletters throughout the year?	
	Do you have TGBs Awareness Posters on display at your club/centre?	
	Do you have TGBs sustainable boating guides on display or hand them out to students on any RYA courses you provide? You can request a batch of hard copies at info@thegreenblue.org.uk	

	<p>Does you have an environmental sustainability section on your website? This is where your environmental policy can be located along with reference to what your club/centre is doing to be more sustainable.</p>	
	<p>Has your website got a reference to The Green Blue to help raise awareness of the programme and the freely available sustainable boating information, advice and resources for boat users? To add TGB to your club/centre website you can access The Green Blue logo and introduction text in The Green Blue Awareness Raising Toolkit.</p>	
	<p>If your club/centre delivers RYA courses - are instructors aware of and use TGBs Blue's Instructor Resources to help pass on environmental knowledge and best practice to students and young boaters?</p>	
	<p>Do you run any sustainable boating activities with young boaters? The Green Blue has a selection of Educational Activities for young boaters.</p>	
	<p>Does your club/centre have talks/workshops to help raise awareness of the environment amongst its members and staff? E.g. delivered by local experts - Wildlife Trust, National Trust, The Green Blue etc.</p>	
<p><u>WASTE MANAGEMENT</u> [Eliminate, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle]</p>	<p>What waste is recycled?</p>	
	<p>Are there separate bins outside for hazardous/special, recyclable and general waste?</p>	
	<p>Does your waste paint, fuel, oil, chemicals and any contaminated items get disposed of correctly in hazardous waste bins?</p>	
	<p>Does Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) get collected by your waste contractor or taken to a local recycling centre. Some items can now be returned to the retailer or producer for recycling.</p>	
	<p>Are the inside and outside bins clearly labelled? This helps makes people aware that your venue recycles, what it recycles and also helps minimise cross-contamination between bins.</p>	

	Are the lids of the outside bins secure so nothing blows away or to prevent wildlife entering?	
	Do you run regular site, dinghy park and beach cleans with members, volunteers and staff to remove litter? E.g. cable ties, electrical tape, rope cuttings and food wrappers etc	
<u>CATERING</u>	Are reusable plates, cutlery and cups used instead of one use plastic/paper versions?	
	Has your club/centre gone single-use plastic free? Removing plastic drinks bottles, straws, drink stirrers and food sauces for example.	
	Do you have somewhere for members, staff and visitors to refill their reusable water bottles and is this clearly signed? Register as a water re-fill station	
	Do your catering facilities provide vegetarian and vegan options, avoid or minimise carbon intensive meats such as beef and pork and provide sustainable seafood where possible?	
	Have you got or considered becoming an accredited outlet such as Food Made Good ?	
<u>BIOSECURITY</u> Measures your club can put in place to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful invasive animal and plant species in and around UK waters	Is your club committee aware of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) and how they can impact your boating activities and the local environment?	
	Is your club/centre aware of any existing aquatic invasive animals or plants in the waters your club operates in? NB: Even if INNS have not been officially identified in your waters yet, they still may exist. It is therefore important to adopt biosecurity to minimise the risk of INNS being introduced to your waters or being spread to others.	
	Does your club/centre have Biosecurity already in place?	
	Is your club committee aware of the biosecurity campaign ' Check Clean Dry '?	

	<p>Does the club/centre communicate Check Clean Dry guidance to members, visitors, staff and customers?</p> <p>For example through it's website, newsletters, social media posts and displaying Check Clean Dry (CCD) signs, posters, leaflets on site?</p>	
	<p>Do the club/centre's own boats go through the CCD process before being transported to another water body and before returning to site?</p>	
	<p>Are visiting boaters asked before arriving on site to CCD their boat, equipment and gear?</p>	
	<p>Is there an outside washdown area for boats, equipment and trailers to be cleaned with clean tap water after they are recovered from the water and before leaving your site? If yes, is the area clearly signposted using CCD outdoor signage?</p>	
	<p>If you run on water events, does your club/centre put in place biosecurity measures and communicate CCD to all participants? This is important for visitors who are likely to be bringing boats, equipment and gear from other water bodies.</p> <p>See our RYA Sustainable Event Toolkit for more specifics on event biosecurity.</p>	
<p>HABITAT+ WILDLIFE PROTECTION</p>	<p>Does your club/centre operate next to or within a wildlife or environmentally protected area? If so, please indicate which types of protected areas e.g. Special Protected Area (SPA) for birds, Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) for habitats and marine mammals, SSSI, RAMSAR, Nature Reserve etc.</p>	
	<p>Are members, staff and visitors made aware of the local marine wildlife and habitats, and how they can minimise disturbance when undertaking boating activities? E.g. through The Green Blue website, written green boating guides, club newsletters, emails, website and member talks.</p>	
	<p>Are boats landed and launched on designated slipways to avoid bank/shoreline erosion or habitat disturbance?</p>	
	<p>Are the number and speed of support boats limited, where possible and safe to do so, during boating activities/events to reduce noise levels, emissions and the amount of wake that can disturb wildlife and erode shoreline habitats?</p>	

	Are the club's/centre's boating activities, races and other events on the water and off the water organised with consideration of wildlife and habitats, especially those that are protected? For example making sure race courses are away from important nesting, feeding and breeding sites.	
<u>CLEANING & MAINTENANCE</u>	If the club's/centre requires and uses cleaning products are eco-friendly alternatives used, which do not contain harmful chemicals such as chlorine or bleach or phosphates which can cause algae blooms? Visit the Green Blue Business Directory for more sustainable products.	
	How are the slipways cleaned/maintained? It is important to avoid using chemical based slipway cleaning products and instead opt for power washing to prevent water pollution.	
<u>ANTIFOUL</u>	Are members, staff and customers made aware of and provided with the ' Protect, Collect Dispose ' best practice guidance on how to apply, remove and dispose of antifoul paint safely? Hard copy guidance leaflets can be requested and an awareness poster can be printed and displayed using the link above.	
	Does your club/centre's boatyard policy require members or staff to place a tarpaulin/ground sheet under boats when applying or removing paint to protect the ground and capture any drips, spills or debris?	
	Has your club/centre considered providing spare ground sheets (tarpaulin) to lend to members or provide to staff to protect the ground when undergoing any painting or maintenance?	
<u>OIL AND FUEL</u>	Is oil or fuel stored on site? If yes, is it stored at least 10 metres away from the water and any surface water drains?	
	Are oil and fuel containers sealed and secured in a locked storage area?	
	Does your club have a clearly labelled and positioned 'Spill Kit', with instructions for use, in the oil and fuel storage area for members or staff to use in case of an accidental spill?	

	Are any spill prevention devices used to catch and clean up drips/ spills when refuelling, for example, funnels, siphon, fuel collar, SuperSpout etc.	
	Safety/support boats: Are they regularly checked for any leaks inside the boat or on the ground or around the engine/outboard?	
<u>WATER CONSERVATION</u> [INSIDE BUILDINGS]	Do taps and showers have push buttons (or self-closing taps) that stop automatically?	
	Do the toilets have dual flush (half flush/full flush) buttons or cistern displacement devices to reduce the amount of water per flush?	
	Is there any signage recommending people to reduce their water use? E.g. take shorter showers to save hot water or remove wetsuits before showering.	
<u>WATER CONSERVATION</u> [OUTSIDE BUILDINGS]	Do the hoses have trigger nozzles or similar to save water?	
	Are rainwater drains labelled to inform members, staff and visitors that only clean water should enter them? The Green Blue has metal plaques available to fix to drains.	
	Does the club have a rainwater harvester? Can be used to wash boats, equipment and clothing to save water and costs.	
<u>ENERGY CONSERVATION</u>	Does the club/centre have a 'green energy' provider? This is a provider that sources their energy from renewable energy e.g. solar and wind.	
	Is an energy monitor used to record energy use and cost?	
	Are energy saving light bulbs used? LED lights use 80% less energy than regular light bulbs.	
	Are any of the lights triggered by motion sensors?	
	Is equipment switched off when not in use?	
	Are the windows double glazed?	
	Does the club/centre use renewable energy, for example solar panels or wind turbines?	

	Is the roof insulated to minimise loss of heat?	
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Additional Club/Centre Comments: