



# HOW GREEN IS YOUR WINDSURFER?

## PROTECTED?

Windsurfers can reach shallow, more sensitive areas. Take care not to approach or disturb resting, feeding or breeding wildlife e.g. birds and seals.

## HELMING

When you spot wildlife in or on the water, slow down, be predictable, avoid erratic movements and keep your distance to minimise disturbance.

## LAUNCHING

When you go ashore or launch your windsurfer try to use recognised slipways as shoreline and bankside habitats support a rich variety of wildlife.

## RECYCLE

Find ways to recycle old sailing equipment. There are companies that welcome your old sails and ropes to turn into reusable bags!

## INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Aquatic invasive plant and animal species can cause damage to your boat and equipment, disrupt your boating activities and harm our local environment. To ensure we do not introduce or spread them around our UK waters follow these steps:

### CHECK

for any visible biofouling on your craft, remove & dispose of in the bin.

### CLEAN

your craft, equipment and trailer as well as flushing the engine with fresh water to remove hidden biofouling.

### AIR DRY

your craft, equipment and trailer for as long as possible. Species can survive several weeks in damp conditions.