



HELPING YOU TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE BOATING SIMPLE!

The joint environment programme of The Royal Yachting Association and British Marine.



Check the engine for leaks to prevent an oily bilge. Use a bilge sock or inline bilge filter to absorb any pollutants before bilge water is discharged.



Use shore based toilets when berthed. Install a holding tank and use pump out facilities to empty sewage. Avoid discharging the heads in or close to bathing waters or enclosed areas such as harbours, marinas where there is low flushing.



Anchor with care. Use existing mooring buoys if available, if not deploy and lift your anchor correctly to avoid drag and scouring.



Regularly use your boat to limit fouling, lift out, clean and antifoul regularly to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals. Use a washdown system to ensure fouling does not re-enter the water or collect and put it in a bin.



Navigate slowly, quietly and keep your distance around wildlife to minimise the risk of disturbance that can disrupt feeding, breeding and resting patterns.