

# SUSTAINABLE EVENT GUIDELINES FOR BOATERS

HELP ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS

MARINERS ARE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO MONITOR MARINE VHF CHANNEL 16 WHEN ON THE WATER.



## PROTECT HABITATS

Minimise and avoid damage to our environment.

**Use appropriate anchors and do not anchor on reefs or seagrass beds.**

Practice environmentally friendly cleaning, preferably non-phosphate.

Consider having a bilge sponge and fueling spill pad on board for accidents. Do NOT apply detergents to visible oil slicks or sheens.

Report any animal incidents (e.g. injured/sick turtle): to Bermuda Radio (VHF CH16 / Tel: 441-297-1010).

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For more information on environmental obligations, visit: [WWW.GOV.BM/ENVIRONMENTAL-OBLIGATIONS-FOR-VESSELS-VISITING-BERMUDA](http://WWW.GOV.BM/ENVIRONMENTAL-OBLIGATIONS-FOR-VESSELS-VISITING-BERMUDA)



## REDUCE WASTE IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Whatever you take out, bring it back.

Be plastic free: do not bring balloons, straws, Styrofoam; minimise single-use plastic bottles, single-use plastic bags. Use re-usable dishes and utensils.

Sort waste - Bring blue bags for glass and cans and separate from regular trash.

Dispose of trash on land in proper bins.

**Pick up waste - if you see trash and debris floating in the water, pick it up and dispose of it.**

Manage sewage – do not discharge within 500m of shore, in the sounds or in the harbours.



## ENSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Practice safety on the water. Watch your wake. Ensure you have safety equipment. Don't drink and drive. Observe the 5 knot no wake limits.**

Look to prevent accidents before they happen.

Healthy bites – ensure you and your guests are hydrated and eat well.

Be sun smart – use sunscreen and sun-protective shirts, hats, and glasses.

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For more information on water safety visit the Bermuda Water Safety Council at: [WWW.WSC.BM](http://WWW.WSC.BM)



## REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Do not idle your engine for long periods of time when tied up alongside or at anchor.

**Travel at a steady speed – high speeds use a disproportionate amount of fuel.**

Shut off your engine when it is not in use.

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For more information on Bermuda Maritime Operations Centre (RCC Bermuda / Bermuda Radio) visit [WWW.MAROPS.BM](http://WWW.MAROPS.BM)