



*Captains Club*

YCM

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PLEDGE



# “Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little”

Edmund Burke

Résolument engagé depuis de nombreuses années dans une démarche environnementale, le Yacht Club de Monaco, soutenu par le Gouvernement Princier à travers la Mission Transition Énergétique, est heureux de vous présenter sa **YCM BLUE PLEDGE**.

Rédigée en collaboration avec les capitaines de super yachts du Captains' Club du Y.C.M, des experts de l'industrie du yachting ainsi que des consultants en environnement, cette **YCM BLUE PLEDGE** a pour ambition de répondre à un objectif commun : accompagner les équipages de Yachts dans la réduction de leur impact environnemental dans le respect des nécessités et des besoins du yachting moderne.

As a club that has been committed to an environmental approach for many years, supported by the Monaco Government through its Energy Transition Mission, Yacht Club de Monaco is pleased to introduce you to its **YCM BLUE PLEDGE**.

The **YCM BLUE PLEDGE** has been drawn up in collaboration with superyacht captains of the YCM's Captains' Club, a panel of experts of the yachting industry as well as environmental consultants working closely with the YCM and aims to achieve a common objective: to support yacht crews in reducing their environmental impact, while respecting the necessities and needs of modern yachts.





## Step #1 Manage and reduce my wastes

- Sort and separate waste and garbage and dispose in the appropriate waste reception facilities.
- Recycle whenever possible.
- Dispose of liquid waste such as engine oils in appropriate receptacles.
- Dispose of batteries in appropriate receptacles.
- Minimise food waste and do not throw it overboard.
- Use shore side facilities for discharging grey and black waters instead of discharging at sea.
- Provision efficiently to minimize waste from crew and guest areas.
- Reduce water consumption during wash downs.



## Step #2 Preserve fauna and flora

- Reduce wake / waves near the coast to not disturb aquatic fauna and flora.
- Be aware of marine protected areas, anchorage restrictions for Posidonia, corals, and Citizen Science Projects in the area e.g. Pelagos in the Mediterranean Sea.
- Take care not to damage the seabed with anchor or chain and, if available, use mooring buoys.
- Comply with ballast water regulations to inhibit the movement of invasive species.
- Avoid taking any marine species, research local rules and abide by any fishing restriction rules.
- Limit the use of underwater lights which can affect marine life.
- Equip yachts with technologies for cetacean's collision avoidance (REPCET, Whale Safe, Whale Shield, etc.).



## Step #3 Say no to plastic

- Eliminate single use plastics and avoid plastic items such as straws, containers and packaging.
- Drinking water should be filtered on board and reusable drinking water containers should be used, reducing the need for buying bottled water.
- Green your galley, pantries and other operational areas (glass containers, wooden utensils, cloth napkins, green cleaning products).



## Step #4 Reduce energy consumption

- Optimize speed and use weather forecasts and weather routing to reduce consumption and hull noise.
- Properly maintain engines, generators, hull and propellers to ensure optimum efficiency and reduce pollution risks.
- Use ecological anti-fouling for hull maintenance to reduce fuel consumption.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and equipment.
- When possible, run washing machines with a quick wash cycle and low temperature (30°C).
- Moderate the air conditioning/heating, especially in unoccupied areas of the yacht.
- Upgrade and optimize existing systems for more efficient and power saving units.
- Optimize transport to and from the yacht.



## Step #5 Be ethical and responsible

- Respect and preserve the marine environment (take only pictures and leave only footprints!).
- Buy local products to support local communities and lower the supply chain's carbon footprint.
- When possible collect waste found at sea and on beaches.
- Be responsible when operating tenders close to shore or other vessels.
- Be mindful of the impact of loud music and vessel generated noise.
- Donate unwanted food, towels, linen, uniform and equipment to local charities.



## Step #6 Prevent marine pollution

- All yachts, including yachts exempted by size and/or equipment limitations, should comply with MARPOL IV sewage discharge regulations, and avoid discharging untreated sewage or grey water at anchor or close inshore.
- Avoid using high sulfur fuel due to sulfur oxides, which can damage sensitive ecosystems, inhibit plant growth and cause acid rain and particulate pollution.
- Use zero impact/fully biodegradable vessel cleaning and personal hygiene products.
- If possible, equip washing machines with microfiber filters to reduce microplastic pollution.



## Step #7 Improve sustainability

- Research and select environmentally friendly components during the build of a yacht.
- Promote the use of cleaner technologies such as particulate filters and use of alternative fuels.
- Stay informed on new technologies and green energies available.

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## Step #8 Collaborate and share

- Evaluate your impact by calculating your CO2 emissions and obtaining your SEA Index® certificate on [www.sea-index.com](http://www.sea-index.com).
- Share information and ideas with other Captains through the Captains' Club.
- Be an ambassador of the Captains' Club's **YCM BLUE PLEDGE**.



## Step #9 Inform and educate

- Boost awareness and help owners and guests understand the challenges and our responsibility to protect the marine environment.
- Be informed and train your crew with our NEW YCM LBCA training course on responsible practices. [www.labelleclasseacademy.com/course-category/etyc-training](http://www.labelleclasseacademy.com/course-category/etyc-training)
- Display the **YCM BLUE PLEDGE** on the crew notice board.

## **Mr Paul Flannery**, Executive Director IYBA (International Yacht Brokers Association USA)

*"Developed by Yacht Club de Monaco and endorsed by IYBA, the SEA Index® was the first offering in a set of guidelines in eco-friendly new construction and refit methods. The **YCM BLUE PLEDGE** is a follow-on guide that gives mariners a roadmap to green operations whether they are implementing new technologies or operating older vessels. The practice of these recommendations will help Superyacht Owners and Captains adopt responsible behaviors that enhance their boating experiences and keep an eye toward sustainability. IYBA is proud to stand with the Yacht Club de Monaco in endorsing these practices."*

## **Matthias Du Verle**, M/Y Queen Aida 50m

*"The awareness of Captains and Owners has tremendously improved in the last few years and we all agree on the objectives to reduce our negative impacts. But future imperatives go even further as our whole industry will be held accountable and its very existence will be jeopardized if we are not able to demonstrate an overall positive impact on our environment. The work that we are conducting with the YCM is not only about mitigation, but also about passing an exam where the next generation will judge our efforts."*

## **Alessandro Flora**, M/Y Cristal Lady 47m

*"As per annex Marpol Chapter 4 no vessel should ever discharge and pollute close to shore. Like for instance vessels in port, at anchor or on a buoy. Also, anchoring close to shore causes damage to sea life, like corals, sea weeds (Posidonia) etc. As said yesterday during the meeting it is our duty as captains to promote respect and protect the environment to leave a better world to the future generations."*

## **Captain Christopher Gartner**, S/Y Blackpearl 107m

*"It is so refreshing to be part of a motivated group of professionals that are taking the ETHOS that we must try to change our present attitude with regards to working in an ECO-FRIENDLIER manner. I know that we would all agree that it is hard enough to make any ECO changes when we are based on Terra Firma and even more difficult when we are floating on the world's oceans and seaways, but with a little initiative from all of us, we can make a difference! Even if it is a small change in our day-to-day operations, it will make a difference, maybe not right away, but it will help us move forward into the future. I promote what the YCM is doing with the **YCM BLUE PLEDGE** and in making the SEA Index® a successful program, along with the assistance of the YCM Captains. Something must be done today to assist in the reduction in the day-to-day pollution that is taking place in our world, and we can make a difference!"*

## **Adrian Croft**, M/Y Sea Ranger 78m

*"There were a number of good environmental operational best practices/points raised in this meeting that I had not considered before. Following on from this meeting I would like to see further consolidation of such best practices propagated towards encouraging our maritime sector particularly in yacht operations to actively adopt where feasible. Having such a formative collection of industry environmental best practices would be a great start."*

### **Captain Ulrich Baer, M/Y Best Off 33m**

*"I believe we as Captains have to influence the shipyards not to build yachts without a wastewater treatment system and even without a bilge water separator! We all should use already the experiences existing in the cruise liner industry. There are existing so called multifunctional water treatment systems."*

### **Captain Dario Savino, M/Y Regina d'Italia 65m**

*"We should all ask for real marine protected areas to be enforced, not to "fake" marine area compliance where there is enough pay and behave like before."*

### **Captain Adolfo Oria, ex M/Y Exuma 50m**

*"Always anchor more than 30m of depth when owners request to anchor as close as possible to the shore, we need to force ourselves to raise awareness and educate our guests and owner to protect the seabed".*

### **Captain Sophie Galvagnon, M/Y Polarfront 55m**

*"We have installed a fountain onboard and reusable cups for the crew and the passengers. For a total of 30 persons onboard, it is about 400kg of pure plastic of single use bottles / per year saved! We also have onboard a positive reward for the best "green attitude" crew per month to recognize effort made or improvements regarding the environment."*

### **Adrian Croft, M/Y Sea Ranger 78m**

*"Clearly it is very important to engage with all crew, owners and guests in this conversation of conserving limited resources. That each and everyone of us has a responsibility to limit our energy, food and material consumption. I find when individuals have no responsibility to pay for such costs and especially when it is provided for free, there is the potential for considerable wastage as it is not coming from their own pocket. Engaging in this matter is critical towards making a difference and better environmental citizens."*

### **Thierry Roux, M/Y Mimtee 79m**

*"We do and recommend turning off 60% of our equipment when guests are not onboard".*



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