

# Carbery Sailing

## Environmental Code of Practice

### Sustainability

- Local produce is used as much as possible
- Emissions are cut where possible - (a water-lubricated stern gland is installed)
- The hull is kept clean and the engine running efficiently to minimise fuel consumption
- We allow time to make use of wind power rather than other energy sources

### Resource Management

- The amount of waste on board is minimised (excessive packaging removed)
- We re-use whenever feasible – (plastic drinks bottles re-filled for example)
- As much as possible is recycled
- Waste is never thrown over the side!
- Smokers are encouraged to keep a butt tin in pocket for cigarette ends

### Sewage Management

- Use of toilets on shore is encouraged whenever possible
- The holding tanks are used and emptied at least 3 miles from shore
- Discharging sewage is avoided close to shore and in sensitive habitats

### Reducing Pollution

- Engine checked daily to avoid oil and fuel leaks and serviced regularly
- Fuel lines, connections and seals are maintained to avoid leaks
- Engine bilge is kept separate from main bilge to collect any oil and is disposed of ashore
- Bilge is checked for oil before pumping
- When refuelling or carrying out maintenance, care is taken not to allow oil and fuel to enter the water
- Detergent is not used to deal with oil spills as it can do even more damage
- Environmentally-friendly cleaning and maintenance products are used
- Chlorine, bleach products and phosphates in particular are avoided!
- Washing machine on board uses eco-friendly detergent and bio-free products
- Anti-fouling scrapings are captured and disposed of appropriately on shore
- Hull is waxed annually to reduce the need for cleaning products
- Starch-based rubbish bags are used which can be composted

### Respecting Habitats and Wildlife

- A respectful distance is kept around wildlife on the water
- Dinghy is launched and recovered from appropriate sites to avoid damaging or trampling sensitive habitats
- When anchoring, care is taken to avoid damage to the seabed

### Deterring Non-native species

- Anti-fouling is applied annually to help reduce the spread of invasive and damaging native species
- Low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) based anti-foul used
- Anchor and chain washed thoroughly on leaving an anchoring site
- Dinghy scrubbed to avoid spreading marine non-native species