



# CODE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOUR

## PROTECT OUR SEAS, LAKES AND WATERWAYS

### Garbage

- reduce the amount of waste you create (remove packaging before you take things on board)
- Re-use whatever you can (re-fill plastic drinks bottles for example)
- Recycle as much as possible – depending on what facilities exist in your country – and never throw any waste over the side!

### Sewage

- Use toilets onshore whenever possible
- Use a holding tank and discharge at an approved pump out facility.

### Pollution

- Keep your engine well-maintained to avoid oil and fuel leaks
- Put an absorbent pad in your bilge to collect any oil and dispose of this ashore
- When refueling or conducting maintenance, take great care not to allow oil and fuel to enter the water
- Try to use environmentally friendly cleaning and maintenance products on your boat
- Capture any antifouling scrapings and dispose of them appropriately on shore

### Respecting habitats and wildlife

- Navigate carefully around wildlife on the water – keep your distance!
- Launch and recover craft from appropriate sites to avoid damaging or trampling sensitive habitats
- Take care when anchoring to avoid damaging the seabed

### Non-native species

- Apply effective antifouling on a regular basis to help reduce the spread of invasive and damaging non-native species
  - For craft moved between water bodies, wash down thoroughly on leaving a water body to ensure nothing hitchhikes a ride
- Wash off anchors and chains on leaving an anchoring site

**Ontario Sailing thanks World Sailing and Sail Canada for allowing us to adopt their Code of Environmental Behaviour with modifications as we are a fresh water sailing community.**

*The Provincial Sport Governing Body for Sailing and Boating*