

Environmental Policy

As an organisation operating in the marine sector, Challenge Wales is committed to protecting the health of our marine and global environment.

Our environmental policy is based on the following principles and behaviors:

To comply with all required environmental legislation and regulations laid down by the International Maritime Organisation, by way of Marine Pollution Regulations (MARPOL), International Sewage Pollution Prevention, audited by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and our own Waste Management Plan.

To continue to comply with the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) Blue Flag Scheme which Challenge Wales was awarded in 2016 and whose principles are:-

- Never throw anything over-board, whether at sea or in port unless on a long distance passage and your vessel's waste management plan has been approved.
- Do not release toilet water into the sea in near coastal waters and sensitive areas (for vessels without black water holding tanks).
- Use, and promote the use of, recycling facilities ashore.
- Do not buy or use objects made from protected species or from archaeological underwater findings.
- Encourage others to take care of our marine environment, while on board and at all other times.


To encourage even tougher voluntary standards within our sail training program for young people.

To employ proper waste management systems to increase recycling and waste reduction. This includes reducing the amount of disposables used by guests onboard our vessels, and planning our catering purchases in dialogue with the customer to avoid food going to waste.

To promote pollution prevention through risk assessments, safe procedures and well informed personnel.

All Challenge Wales personnel are responsible for the protection of the environment in our daily operation. Therefore we will communicate environmental issues throughout the charity and educate and encourage our staff to have a high level of awareness and knowledge of current environmental issues.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



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Chair of Board of Trustees
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