



# BLUE FLAG

**581**  
**BEACHES**  
**15**  
**MARINAS**  
**& 6 TOURISM**  
**BOATS**  
**WERE AWARDED**  
**BLUE FLAGS IN**  
**2022**



*for eco-friendly  
management  
and sustainability  
in tourism*

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## THE «BLUE FLAG» PROGRAMME

The «**Blue Flag**» is a programme of environmental awareness, protection and sustainable management which is implemented every year in 53 countries around the world by the national members of the **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)**.

It aims at improving management and visitor safety at the beaches, while at the same time protecting their natural environment, so that we may always enjoy them.

The **Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN)** is the national operator of the programme in Greece. It is the oldest environmental NGO in the country and has been active in environmental education and nature conservation since 1951.

It is not easy for a marina to be awarded the «Blue Flag». It must meet 38 strict criteria, which have to do with the cleanliness of the marina, its organisation, visitor safety, the protection of nature and environmental awareness. Even when a marina is awarded the «Blue Flag», it can only raise it for one year and must prove that it deserves it for the following year. The inspectors of HSPN and FEE visit marinas throughout the year and note any problems or shortcomings. Usually a short period of grace is allowed to correct them, but a marina may temporarily, or even permanently, lose its flag for serious deficiencies.

## CRITERIA OF THE PROGRAMME

### Environmental awareness

- Information about nearby sensitive and/or protected terrestrial and marine areas.
- A Code of Environmental Conduct is posted in the marina.
- Information about the Blue Flag Programme and the Blue Flag marina criteria are posted on the information board.
- Environmental education activities.
- Information about the Blue Flag Programme for boat owners using the marina.

### Safety and Services

- Adequate and well signposted lifesaving, first-aid and firefighting equipment.
- Emergency plan in case of pollution, fire or other accidents.
- Electricity and water available at the berths.
- Facilities for people with disabilities.
- Map indicating the location of the different facilities posted at the marina.

### Environmental management

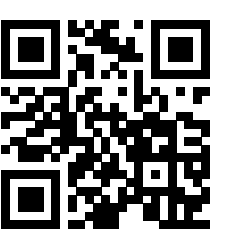
- Implementation of an environmental policy and plan at the marina. The plan should include references to water, waste and energy consumption, health and safety issues, and the use of environmentally friendly products.
- Adequate, separate and properly identified containers for the storage of hazardous wastes (paints, solvents, boat scrapings, antifouling agents, batteries, waste oil, flares) which are emptied at regular intervals.
- Sufficient rubbish bins.

### What a visitor of the marina can do

If this marina deserves the Blue Flag, please let us know. If you notice shortcomings, please contact the person responsible for the marina, whose name you can find on the Notice Board near the «Blue Flag».

If their answer does not satisfy you, please contact the HSPN and provide relevant information ([blueflag@eepf.gr](mailto:blueflag@eepf.gr), tel. +30210 3224944, +30210 3314563). Relevant photos would be very useful.

***We should all strive  
together to make our  
Greek marinas ever better!***



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