

625
BEACHES
18
MARINAS
9 TOURISM
BOATS
WERE AWARDED
BLUE FLAGS IN
2024

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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 50 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 first environmental NGO in the country and has been active in environmental education and nature conservation since 1951.

It is not easy for a beach to be awarded the **Blue Flag**. It must meet **33 strict criteria**, concerning cleanliness of the sea and beach, beach facilities, visitor safety, the protection of nature and environmental awareness.

When a beach is awarded the **Blue Flag**, it can only raise it for a year and must prove that it still deserves it for the following year. Inspectors from HSPN and FEE visit the beaches throughout the bathing period and note any problems or shortcomings. Usually a short period of grace is allowed to correct them, but a beach 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 waste bins.
- Facilities for receiving recyclable waste materials.



- Bilge water pumping facilities.
- Toilet pumping facilities.
- All buildings and equipment properly maintained in compliance with national legislation.
- Adequate, clean and well sign-posted sanitary facilities.
- System to prevent liquid pollutants (resulting from boat washing) entering the sewage system.
- Promotion of environmentally friendly transportation means.
- No parking or driving allowed in the marina.

Water Quality

- Visually clean water at the marina (no oil, litter, sewage or other evidence of pollution)

What can we do for our marinas;

If this marina deserves the Blue Flag, please let us know!

Please adhere to the Code of Conduct and to the guidelines for the marina users.

If you notice shortcomings, please contact the manager of the marina, whose name is displayed on the Information Board near the Blue Flag.

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

Let's all take care of the marinas so that they remain environmentally friendly and enjoyable!



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