



BLUE FLAG

A guarantee for proper management and care for people and the environment



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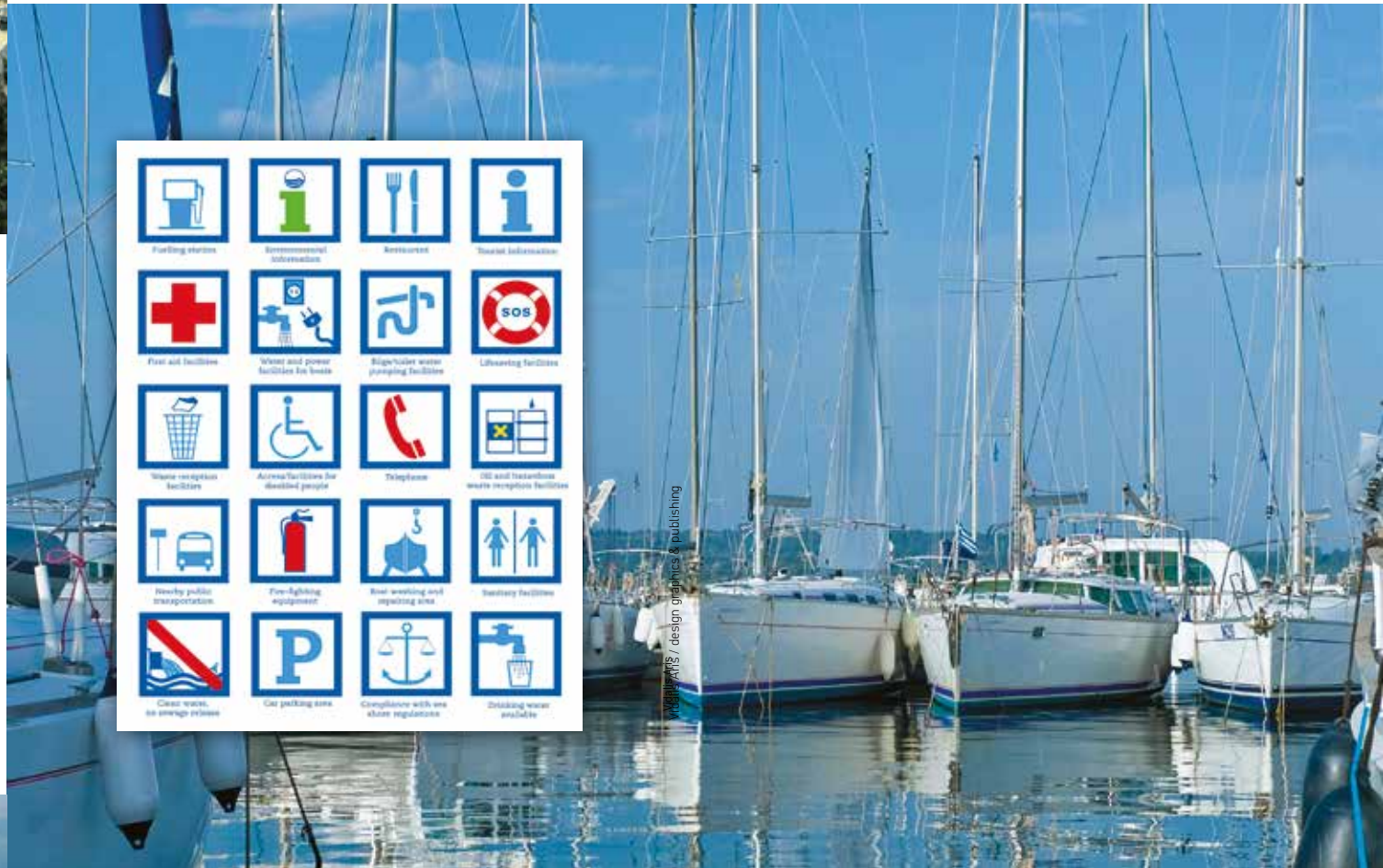
What a visitor of the marina can do

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 should find on the Notice Board near the «Blue Flag».

If his answer does not satisfy you, please contact the HSPN (blueflag@eepf.gr, tel. +30 210 3224944, +30 210 3314563) and provide us with relevant information.

The managers of the marinas, the visitors and we at the HSPN, should strive together to make our Greek marinas ever better.



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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 45 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 marinas, while at the same time protecting the natural environment in the surrounding area.

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.

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www.blueflag.gr and www.blueflag.global



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 storage 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.
- 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)

