



CYBA'S GUIDE TO **ECO-FRIENDLY** **CHARTERING**

We live and work in the planet's most awe-inspiring environment, the ocean. The Charter Yacht Broker's Association, (CYBA International), encourages you to learn more about how we can all pitch in to keep our industry thriving and our destinations desirable.

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GOING GREEN IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

CYBA invites you to review the following list of eco-friendly suggestions to further our "Going Green to Save the Blue" environmental initiative.

TOGETHER WE WILL SAVE THE BLUE!

PROVISIONING

- **DRINKING WATER:** Reduce plastic bottle waste by serving water produced on board.
- **REFILL & REUSE:** Supply guests with refillable beverage containers. Make flavorful infused water.
- **SHOPPING BAGS:** Take reusable shopping bags to the markets. Bring a cooler or insulated bags for frozen foods.
- **SODA MACHINE:** Further reduce bottle and can use by using a soda machine. Make your own specialty soda flavors using local fruits and syrups.
- **ICE MAKER:** Making your own ice reduces the need to buy ice in plastic bags.
- **BUY IN BULK:** To reduce packaging.
- **MAKE IT/GROW IT:** Make food from scratch. Grow your own herbs and sprouted grains.
- **KEEP IT LOCAL:** Buy locally grown products.
- **SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD:** Learn where to purchase it and how to prepare Lionfish as a meal.
- **FOOD WASTE, COOKING OILS:** Do not throw leftovers overboard. Store cooking oil to be disposed of properly.
- **FUEL CONSUMPTION:** Avoid energy-intensive recipes.

REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

- **SOLAR PANELS & WIND GENERATORS:** Produce your own power. Consider solar powered chargers, fans, etc.
- **BATTERIES:** Use high efficiency lithium ion or high capacity batteries to reduce generator use.
- **OUTBOARDS:** Use 4-stroke outboards, jet drives with low emissions, or other fuel-efficient engine options.
- **LIGHTING:** Use energy efficient lighting, electronics and other systems, such as LED lights, Chillier-System A/C, energy efficient appliances, etc.
- **OFFSET:** Offset the carbon emissions that you do make by enrolling in a Carbon Offset Program that will reduce the equivalent of your carbon emissions in another fragile part of the world such as the Galapagos. www.yachtcarbonoffset.com
- **PLAN YOUR ENERGY USAGE:** Plan your high-energy consumption during generator-running hours.
- **TURN OUT THE LIGHTS!** Encourage guests to turn off lights and fans when they are not using them.
- **RAIN:** Collect rainwater for cleaning.

- **A/C:** Avoid using A/C when not on charter and offer your guests the option to use A/C or not. Sailing yachts can use wind-scoops for hatches to create more breeze and rain protection instead of A/C.
- **SAIL!** Whenever possible, avoid the temptation of using the engine to get there faster.
- **MOTOR AT OPTIMUM SPEEDS:** Motor at the speed that gives you the best fuel consumption.
- **CLEAN THE YACHT'S BOTTOM OFTEN:** A clean bottom reduces drag and improves fuel efficiency. And be sure to use environmentally-friendly toilet paper.
- **NOISE POLLUTION:** Provide non-motorized water toys, such as kayaks, SUP's and floats.

EDUCATION

- **YACHT SPECIFICATIONS SHEETS:** Keep brokers current with a list of your green practices.
- **ENGAGE YOUR GUESTS:** Help them understand the marine environment, both above and below the water.
- **TEACH:** Reef etiquette when snorkeling or diving.

AMENITIES FOR GUESTS

- **SHAMPOOS, SOAPS, ETC:** Many common brands of shampoo, conditioner, soaps, lotions, shaving creams and deodorants have biodegradable options. Provide them to your guests. Buy in bulk and refill in reusable containers.
- **SUNSCREEN:** Buy and only use reef-friendly sunscreen with titanium dioxide and zinc oxide, and provide this to your guests. Let your guests know regular sunscreens are killing coral reefs by stimulating a virus which causes the coral to bleach and die. *(Researchers have found that even low levels of sunscreen, at or below the typical amount used by swimmers, can completely bleach coral in just four days.)*
- **UV / RASH GUARD SHIRTS:** Recommend guests bring/use rash guard shirts for swimming instead of lathering up with sunscreen.
- **PROMOTE:** Let Brokers and guests know about your environmentally-friendly amenities so we can discourage them from carrying disposable products on board.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

- **INTERIOR:** Use or make eco-friendly, biodegradable soaps and cleaning products.
- **EXTERIOR:** Use eco-friendly cleaners, waxes, teak cleaners, etc.
- **BOTTOM PAINT:** Use eco-friendly bottom paint, TAT and copper free.



ADDITIONAL TIPS...

- **DISPOSE OF** batteries, oil and toxic waste at proper drop-off facilities.
- **COLLECT AND RECYCLE** plastic, paper, aluminum and glass when possible.
- **GIVE AWAY OR DONATE** unwanted items, such as towels, bedding, books, and DVD's.
- **USE** a trash compactor to help reduce use of garbage bags.
- **ALWAYS USE** fabric re-usable bags, including laundry bags.
- **PICK-UP GARBAGE** from beaches and waters.
- **AVOID** anchoring on coral or allowing your chain to brush on top of coral. Use mooring balls when possible.
- **USE HOLDING TANKS AND PUMP OUT STATIONS**; if stations are unavailable, empty tanks offshore and consider a sewage treatment system onboard.
- **REPORT LION FISH** to proper authorities.
- **GET INVOLVED** in local environmental initiatives or start your own.
- **EVERY GUEST IS DIFFERENT**, and some may not appreciate your eco-friendly efforts, but use your best judgment and accommodate to their preferences while making your charters as eco-friendly as possible. Most guests visiting these islands do so for a love of the natural environment and will appreciate knowing the efforts you've taken to protect it.
- **MANY ECO-FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES** also save money, and the money saved can be used towards alternatives that may cost extra. Converting to eco-friendly systems may cost now, but the savings will pay off in the future.



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