



# How to *green* your dinghy!

## At the helm

Small craft can reach shallow, more sensitive areas. Take care not to disturb vegetation and wildlife. When launching and going ashore, use recognised landing places to avoid damaging shoreline habitats.

## On board

Keep a tidy, safe boat. Secure loose items to prevent them blowing overboard or going in the water if you capsize. Dispose of litter carefully when back on land and recycle as much as possible.

## Sails

Recycle your old sails on a club website or give them a new lease of life by turning them into coats, bags and cushions with [www.reefersails.com](http://www.reefersails.com)

## Deck

Choose environmentally friendly cleaning and maintenance products. Avoid those containing chlorine, bleach and phosphates. Check out The Green Directory [www.sailingnetworks.com/green](http://www.sailingnetworks.com/green)

## Hull

Choose anti-foul with the lowest levels of copper and biocide suitable for your boat. Take care to avoid spills when applying. Dispose of any waste materials used for boat maintenance correctly, using recycling or hazardous facilities as appropriate.

## Trailer

Avoid spreading non native invasive species; wash down your dinghy and trailer before towing and launching in other areas. Use a hose trigger to shut off water supply when not in use.