

POLICY STATEMENT:- “The Friends of M.V. Freedom are committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment”.

POLICY AIMS:-

1. To co-operate with the RYA/British Marine, Green Blue environmental project and to promote and practice its aims whenever practicable, within Charity Commission Rules.
2. To comply with the environmental legislation that relates to the operation of M.V Freedom and where possible identify opportunities to adopt best practice over and above the minimum legislative requirements.
3. To ensure the charity manages all potential pollution risks from M.V.Freedom to protect our local waters, including but not limited to, oil, fuel, antifoul, litter and cleaning products.
4. To remain alert for the presence of invasive non native species in our local waters.
5. To manage all waste generated or collected by MV Freedom through a hierarchy of reduce, re-use and recycle before responsible disposal.
6. To treat all sealife in accordance with the law and best practice and encourage others to do the same.
7. To seek to use sustainable practices when organising and running fundraising and social events.
8. To publicise our environmental commitment.
9. To encourage sustainable best practice amongst our members and boat passengers.
10. To consider the environmental credentials of our suppliers when procuring new products, thereby encouraging other organisations to integrate sustainability into their own operations.
11. To include environmental awareness and good practice in our crew training regime.
12. To measure our progress and review this environmental policy on an annual basis to ensure continual improvement.

N.B. An ACTION PLAN will be developed to accompany this policy, and identify HOW we intend to achieve the Charity’s aims

Signed:- Dirk Aldous - Chairman/Skipper

Friends of M.V.Freedom 3rd December, 2020.

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