



Environmental Initiative

Bluewake is an environmental awareness initiative started by ***Voyageur Sailing***.

The main thrust is to create awareness of how finite our planet's resources are. Through simple lifestyle changes, we can reduce our impact on the depletion of these resources.

Although hard to believe, there is a quantifiable limit to the resources we require to survive. We simply turn on a tap or flick a switch and presto – endless resources. Pay a bill or two; the supply seems endless.

Life aboard a cruising boat is much different. Gauges display the amount of electricity and fuel available to us. By tapping on the side of tanks, we monitor water consumption and holding tank fullness. A sailboat's limited living space directly relates to sailors' provisioning and refuse stowage.

While living aboard, we, as sailors must develop new habits to cope with these constraints. To minimize the use of our precious resources;

- ***We do not let the water run needlessly when shaving, showering or brushing teeth***
- ***We wash dishes by hand in a minimum amount of warm water and hand or air dry***
- ***We reduce the amount of packaging brought onto the boat by buying in bulk, storing in reusable containers, thus reducing the waste that we must remove***
- ***We monitor our power consumption so we do not deplete batteries***
- ***We turn off unnecessary lights and appliances***
- ***We hang clothes to dry***
- ***We use renewable energy sources – sun and wind***
- ***We sail as much as possible***
- ***We manage to live in a smaller space***

The boat is our micro planet where our lives are directly impacted by limited resources. Should we not follow these conservation guidelines; our energy and water will run out quickly, lazarettes will fill with garbage

Bluewake challenges you to take the habits developed on board a boat and apply them to your everyday life.

No trading or buying of carbon credits required.

No changes to the tax structure of the world.

Simple lifestyle changes will lead to big results!

Our Earth with all its natural elements is an awesome planet. Let's help preserve and regenerate it:

Although politicians and marketing genius' promote the **greening** of our planet, Earth is known as the **BLUE** planet;

BLUE SKY + BLUE WATER

By focussing on the **BLUE**, the **green** will look after itself.

Let's leave a BLUE WAKE....

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