



Certification policy

Green Marine and Green Marine Europe Environmental Programs

In becoming a Green Marine International member, the participant joins a voluntary initiative aimed at implementing a marine industry environmental program and agrees to report on its performance in this regard.

Green Marine International's main goals are to reduce the marine industry's environmental footprint and pollution potential, exceed regulatory compliance and strengthen environmental performance through a process of continual improvement.

EACH PARTICIPANT AGREES TO RESPECT THE FOLLOWING:

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In addition to respecting laws and applicable regulations, every PARTICIPANT that joins Green Marine International agrees to:

- Demonstrate corporate leadership in the search for best environmental practices in accordance with a sustainable development approach;
- Carry out its activities in a responsible manner with a view to minimizing its environmental impacts;
- Aim for continual improvement of its environmental performance;
- Develop and promote voluntary protection measures;
- Integrate sustainable development practices that are technically and economically achievable;
- Collaborate with governments and waterway stakeholders in developing the environmental program.



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TO OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATION, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Adhere to Green Marine International's guiding principles regarding the need to continually improve their environmental performance;
- Pay the annual membership fee assessed to Green Marine International participants;
- Submit an annual self-evaluation report signed by the organization's most senior executive (or the most senior regional representative);
- Agree to the external verification conditions established by Green Marine International;
- Agree to the publication of their self-evaluation results;
- Initially attain Level 2 or higher for at least one performance indicator AND thereafter demonstrate continual improvement by increasing at least one level in one indicator every year until level 2 is achieved in each indicator.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

- The participant must commit to complying with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and to diligently address any instances of non-compliance.
- If any major non-compliances where significant environmental impact has or may occur and where requested by Green Marine International, the participant will provide to Green Marine International details of how the participant plans to resolve the situation. Such measures provide Green Marine International with assurance that the non-compliance is being addressed; however, through these actions, Green Marine International does not assume any accountability or responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the action plan and/or assessing its adequacy.
- In instances of gross negligence or failure to address one or more issues of non-compliance, Green Marine International's Board of Directors will have the option to terminate the participant's membership in the program.

FINAL DISCRETION

All Green Marine International's certification policy decisions are subject to the discretion of the Green Marine International's Board of Directors.