



Navigate with Care: Protect Our Oceans

Every voyage leaves a trace – but with care, you can navigate while protecting the ocean.

From coral reefs and seagrass meadows to mangrove forests, our ocean's ecosystems support fisheries, protect coastlines, and sustain communities. But every year, vessels unintentionally damage these fragile habitats through groundings, anchoring, or poor route planning. Navigating with care not only helps preserve marine life – it also protects your vessel, your crew, and your livelihood.

How to Navigate with Care

Whether you operate a kayak, yacht, or cargo vessel, you can take simple steps to safeguard marine life and improve safety at sea:

1. Plan Ahead

Use up-to-date nautical charts and electronic navigation systems to plot your course and avoid shallow or sensitive areas.

2. Watch for Wildlife

Slow down in areas known for marine mammals, turtles, or seabirds, and keep a lookout to prevent collisions.

3. Anchor Responsibly

Avoid anchoring on coral reefs, seagrass beds, or other fragile habitats. Whenever possible, use designated mooring buoys or anchor in sandy areas.

4. Mind Your Wake

Reduce speed near shorelines as well as coral and seagrass areas to prevent erosion or damage to habitats.

5. Respect Navigational Markers and Protected Zones

Follow Aids to Navigation (AtoNs) and adhere to local regulations, including marine protected areas and no-anchor zones.

6. Maintain Your Vessel

Check your hull, bilge, and propellers for leaks, invasive species, and damage before and after each trip. Proper maintenance keeps both your vessel and the ocean healthy.

7. Lead by Example

Share what you learn with other mariners. Encourage your crew, guests and peers to #NavigateWithCare.

Take the Pledge

Commit to protecting what matters most. Take the Navigate with Care Pledge and join a global movement of mariners working to protect life above and below the surface.

