



BLUE FLAG APPLICATION **PROCESS**

(For Beach/Marina Operators)

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The Blue Flag is a voluntary eco-label which works towards sustainable development of beaches and marinas through strict criteria dealing with Water Quality, Environmental Education and Information, Environmental Management, and Safety & Other Services.

WHO IS WHO?

- Beach/Marina Operator – public or private beaches and marinas.
- National Operator – ECAT
- National Jury – assesses application at National level.
- International Jury – assesses application at International level.

This manual is a guide for beach and marina operators on how to become a Blue Flag operator.

Important Information:

The Blue Flag season in UAE runs from October to October every year.

All beaches are required to provide water quality samples as per criteria 7 to 11, whereas marina operators are exempt from this criteria.

Please note: Blue Flag criteria is designed to complement and not replace local beach and marina standards. In the case of water sampling, a local authority may require more stringent water sampling than that of the Blue Flag, in this case, the Blue Flag requirements will be fulfilled by these more stringent requirements.

NEW APPLICATION:

BLUE FLAG NEW APPLICATION DEADLINES	
<i>NOTE : MARINA OPERATORS SHOULD IGNORE THE DEADLINES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE</i>	
Date	Deadline
Year 1 (anytime of the Year)	Beach/Marina operators can share their interest with ECAT to become a Blue Flag operator.
Year 1 (anytime of the Year)	ECAT will conduct an initial site inspection. Interested applicants must pay the Blue Flag Levy fee of 200 Dirhams to continue with the application process.
Year 1, September	Beach operators should start sampling water quality (Criteria 7 to 11) as per recommended ECAT Water Sampling Calendar. Water Sampling Calendar must be provided to ECAT by the beach operators.
Year 2, April	Beach/Marina operators need to ensure that all environmental education activities are planned already as mentioned in the criteria (Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas).
Year 2, 1 st April	ECAT will conduct a second site inspection to check if the beach/marina operator is on track for fulfilling the criteria.
Year 2, May	ECAT will conduct a final inspection of the site.
Year 2, 1 st June	Beach/Marina operators will submit their applications to ECAT. The National Committee will review all applications and forward approved applications to the International Jury.
Year 2, September - October	The International Jury will announce the Blue Flag awards. Payment of the invoice must be made by Blue Flag operators.
Year 2, October	Blue Flag flags will be delivered to the successful Blue Flag operators once ECAT has received the payment of the invoice.
Year 2, October - November	ECAT will issue a press release announcing the successful Blue Flag operators in the country. Official announcement of the Blue Flag Awards on the Blue Flag website will be made on the 1 st of November.
Year 2, 15th December	Deadline to put up the Common Information Board and to hoist the Blue Flag flags.

Step 1: Year 1

- Beach/Marina Operators can share their interest in joining the Blue Flag Programme in the UAE by contacting ECAT at arabicmind@yahoo.com or alternatively calling on 050 6227074.
- Interested beach/marina operators can show their interest up to **one year** before July of the coming year.

Step 2: Year 1

- A mutually agreed date with ECAT will be arranged to carry out an initial site inspection of the venue being applied for the Blue Flag certification.
- Beach/Marina operators will be notified of the current status of their journey towards becoming Blue Flag certified and a document will be issued outlining the required **criteria** expected to be fulfilled.
- Interested applicants must pay the Blue Flag Levy fee of **200 Dirhams** to continue with the application process.
- Beach/Marina operators will continue to implement the criteria at their venue and ECAT must be updated frequently on the progress. It is recommended for new operators to contact ECAT twice every month to inform on their progress.

Step 3: Year 1, September

- Beach operators need to start sampling the water quality providing a minimum of **20 samples** to ECAT.
- A Sampling Calendar must be established by the beach operators prior to the start of the bathing season. Sampling must take place no later than 4 days after the date specified in the sampling calendar as per **Criteria 8**. The Water Sampling Calendar must be shared with ECAT for approval.
- To ensure required **20 samples** by July of the coming next year it is recommended that beach operators should start sampling every 15 days from September in the first year. **Criteria 7 to 11** includes all the details on water quality. An ECAT recommended Water Sampling Calendar is attached in **Appendix I**.
- Please see **Appendix III** for accredited water testing laboratories.
- Beach operators should consult ECAT for further information if they wish to begin water sampling after September.

Step 4: Year 2, April

- Beach/Marina operators need to ensure that all environmental education activities are planned as mentioned in the criteria (**Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas**). The activities should focus on the environment, environmental issues, Blue Flag issues or sustainability issues. Beach operators need to send the list of the five environmental education activities for the coming season by **1st April**. Marina operators need to provide at least three planned environmental education activities for the coming season as per the Environmental Education Activities template by **1st April**. The list must describe the type and target group. Please see the Environmental Education Activities book on the Blue Flag website for more information: <http://www.blueflag.org/materiale/publication-downloads/ee-activity-guide>

Step 5: Year 2, April

- ECAT will conduct a second site inspection in **April** to check if the beach/marina operators are on track for fulfilling the criteria.
- ECAT will highlight any areas in need of further work and the criterions that need to be fulfilled.

Step 6: Year 2, May

- ECAT will conduct a final assessment of the site in **June** to ensure compliance of all 33 criterions for beaches or all 25 criteria for marinas.

Step 7: Year 2, June

- An email regarding the next steps and the application form will be sent to beach/marina operators **3 weeks** before the deadline of **1st of June** to complete the Application Package.
- Filled application forms will be collected from new applicants and reviewed by ECAT in the **first week of June**. Water sample reports and list of environmental education activities must be submitted along with the application form. New applicants must provide water sampling history for one season with 20 samples. Beach/Marina operators must share their Blue Flag Common Information Board design for ECAT's approval. ECAT will inform the Beach/Marina operator if any changes are required.
- A National Committee Meeting will be held in **July** where all applications will be reviewed. Applications will be forwarded by ECAT to the National Jury for their approval.
- If an application is successfully approved by the National Jury, ECAT will submit the application to the International Jury.
- Applications will be sent to the International Jury before **1st of August**.

Step 8: Year 2, September - October

- The International Jury meets in **September** to review all applications.
- The National Operators Meeting will take place in **October** for announcement of the Blue Flag application results and where all National Operators will meet to discuss the Blue Flag Programme.
- The International Jury will issue the results of the Blue Flag to the National Operator (ECAT) in October.

Step 9: Year 2, October

- An invoice will be sent to all the awarded beach/marina operators and Blue Flag flags will be delivered once ECAT has received the payment of the invoice. Beach/Marina operators should consult with ECAT for the specific management fee and the cost of the Blue Flag flags (**See Appendix IV**).

Step 10: Year 2, October - November

- ECAT will issue a press release announcing the successful Blue Flag operators in the country.
- ECAT will send an email to Beach/Marina operators in October, 10 days before the press release announcement. This email will guide the awarded Blue Flag operators how to draft their press releases.
- If the awarded Beach/Marina operators wish to announce their Blue Flag, it is **crucial** for them to share their press release for an approval by ECAT and agree to release it after the official announcement.
- Results of the Blue Flag Award will be officially announced on the **1st of November** by the National Operator (ECAT) on the Blue Flag website.

Step 11: Year 2, December

- Successful applicants will be able to hoist the Blue Flag once the Blue Flag Common Information Board is in place. All designs for the board must be approved by ECAT before being manufactured. The board must be put up no later than **15th of December** otherwise the Blue Flag maybe revoked from the beach/marina operator.

Please remember that the Blue Flag criteria is an on-going process. Beach/Marina operators are requested not forget to implement the criteria following the submission of their application.

EXISTING APPLICATIONS:

BLUE FLAG RENEWAL OF APPLICATION DEADLINES	
<i>NOTE : MARINA OPERATORS SHOULD IGNORE THE DEADLINES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE</i>	
Date	Deadline
Year 1, September	Beach operators must continue conducting water samples for the new season. A maximum of 30 days is allowed between each sample. (Criteria 7 to 11) .
Year 1, by 30th September	Beach/Marina operators should send a confirmation and the Blue Flag levy fee of 200 Dirhams to ECAT for the renewal of their application.
Year 2, January - February	ECAT will conduct Control Visits
Year 2, 1 st March	Summary of environmental education activities (Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas) of the previous year must be shared with ECAT.
Year 2, 1 st April	Plan of environmental education activities (Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas) for the upcoming season must be shared with ECAT.
Year 2, April -	ECAT will conduct a second Control Visit.
Year 2, by 1st of June	Beach/Marina operators will submit their application to ECAT as per the Application Package provided.
Year 2, July	National Jury will review all applications. ECAT will submit the approved applications to the International Jury upon approval from the National Jury.
Year 2, October	International Jury will announce the Blue Flag awards. Payment of the invoice by Blue Flag operators.
Year 2, 3rd week of October	ECAT will issue a press release announcing the successful Blue Flag operators in the country.
Year 2, 1st November	Official announcement of the Blue Flag Awards on the Blue Flag website.
Year 2, 15th December	Deadline to hoist Blue Flag flags of the new season.

Existing beach/marina operators need to renew their application every season if they wish to continue with the Blue Flag programme. Below are the following steps that should be carried out by the existing Blue Flag operators:

Step 1: Annually, September

- Existing beach/marina operators must send their confirmation to continue with the Blue Flag Programme and the Blue Flag Levy fee of **€44** by **30th of September**.
- Water Sampling Calendar must be established by the beach operators prior to the start of the bathing season. Sampling must take place no later than 4 days after the date specified in the sampling calendar.

Step 2: Annually, January - February

- ECAT will conduct the **Control visit** for the Blue Flag operators between **January and February** based upon an official Blue Flag International checklist which will approximately take an hour. Everything observed by the Control Visit inspector will be recorded and forwarded to the International Coordinator. Please review the section on Control Visits (**page 9**) for more details.

Step 3: Annually, 1st March

- Beach operators need to ensure that summary all **five** environmental activities (as mentioned in **Criteria 2**) is shared with ECAT for review. The activities should focus on the environment, environmental issues, Blue Flag issues or sustainability issues.
- Marina operator must provide summary of at least **three** different activities carried out in the previous Blue Flag season. Please review **Criteria 4**.

Step 4: Annually, 1st April

- Planned environmental education activities for the coming season, **five** for beaches and **three** for marinas, must be provided to ECAT by **1st of April**.

Step 5: Annually, April - May

- ECAT will conduct a **second Control Visit** (potentially unannounced) between **April and May** in case of non-compliance.

Step 6: Annually, June

- Beach/Marina operators must submit their Blue Flag application **by the 1st of June** along with **12 water quality samples** taken within 12 months with maximum of 30 days interval between each sample, and other requirements as per the Application Package. Please review **Criteria 7 to 11**. **Appendix II** includes the recommended Water Sampling Calendar.
- Please see the list of some accredited water testing laboratories provided in **Appendix III**.
- A plan of the environmental educational activities and other relevant brief summaries of the management plan should be submitted along with the application.
- ECAT will submit the application to the National Jury for their review and approval.
- A National Committee Meeting will be held in **July** where all applications will be reviewed by the National Jury.
- If an application is successfully approved by the National Jury, ECAT will submit the application to the International Jury.

Step 7: Annually, September - October

- The International Jury meets in **September** for to review all applications.
- The National Operators Meeting will take place in **October** for announcement of the Blue Flag application results and where all National Operators will meet to discuss the Blue Flag Programme.
- The International Jury will issue the results of the Blue Flag to the National Operator (ECAT) in October.

Step 8: Annually, October

- An invoice will be sent to all the awarded beach and marina operators and flags will be delivered once ECAT has received the payment of the invoice. Beach/Marina operators should consult with ECAT for the specific management fee and the cost of the Blue Flag flags (**See Appendix IV**)

Step 9: Annually, October - November

- ECAT will send an email to beach/marina operators in October, 10 days before the press release announcement. This email will guide the beach/marina operators to draft their press releases
- ECAT will issue a press release announcing the successful Blue Flag operators in the country.
- If the beach/marina operator wishes to announce their Blue Flag, it is **crucial** for them to share their press release for approval by ECAT and agree to release it after the official announcement.
- Results of Blue Flags will be officially announced on the **1st of November** on the Blue Flag website.

Step 10: Annually, December

- Awarded Blue Flags are required to hoist Blue Flags of the new season no later than **15th of December** otherwise the Blue Flag maybe revoked.

CONTROL VISITS

Awarded beach/marina Operators are required to continue with fulfilling the criteria. To make sure that all Beach Operators comply with the criteria, the National Operator (ECAT) will conduct Control Visits which could be either announced or unannounced.

Step 1: Annually, January

- ECAT will contact the beach/marina operator via email and inform on a proposed Control Visit date.
- ECAT can however also come unannounced for Control Visits and in such case no email notifications will be sent to the beach/marina operators.

Step 2: Annually, January - February

- Control Visits will take place between **January and February**
- ECAT will conduct a Control Visit based on the official Blue Flag International checklist which will approximately take an hour. Everything observed by the Control Visit inspector will be recorded and forwarded to the International Coordinator.
- In case of any non-compliance, beach/marina operators will be given **10 days** grace period to fulfill the missing criteria.
- In case of minor non-compliance with the criteria which can be immediately rectified, the flag is not withdrawn and the non-compliance is only registered in the Control Visit report.
- Beach/Marina operators must immediately inform ECAT of re-compliance with the criteria (with appropriate documentations). Once in compliance with the criteria and approval from ECAT, the flag can be hoisted again.
- In case of major non-compliance, the site will be withdrawn from the programme. Blue Flag International will be informed and the site will be removed from the Blue Flag website. The flag will be withdrawn for the remainder of the season and the Blue Flag Common Information Board should clearly indicate that the Blue Flag status has been withdrawn.
- Upon fulfilling the missing criteria, ECAT will undertake a second Control Visit (potentially unannounced) to ensure that the missing criterions have been fulfilled.

APPENDIX I

TABLE 1: BLUE FLAG NEW APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

BLUE FLAG NEW APPLICATIONS DEADLINES
<i>NOTE : MARINA OPERATOR SHOULD IGNORE THE DEADLINES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE</i>

Date	Deadline	Actions
Year 1 (anytime of the Year)	Beach/Marina operators can share their interest in applying for the Blue Flag with ECAT.	Interested beach/marina operators should send an email to ECAT.
Year 1 (anytime of the Year)	EWS- WWF will conduct an initial site inspection.	ECAT will assess the current status of the site. New applicants must start fulfillment of the Criteria.
Year 1, 1st week of September	1st water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 3rd week of September	2nd water Sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 1st week of October	3rd water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 3rd week of October	4th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 1st week of November	5th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 3rd week of November	6th water Sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 1st week of December	7th water Sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 3rd week of December	8th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 1st week of January	9th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 3rd week of January	10th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 1st week of February	11th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 3rd week of February	12th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 1st week of March	13th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 3rd week of March	14th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 1st April	All environmental education activities (Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas) for the coming season must be planned by the beach/marina operators and provided to ECAT.	Beach operator should provide ECAT with 5 EEAs planned for the upcoming season. Marina operators should provide 3 EEAs.
Year 2, April	ECAT will conduct a second site inspection to check if the beach/marina operator is on track for fulfilling the criteria.	ECAT will highlight any areas in need of further work and the fulfillment of the criteria.
Year 2, 1st week of April	15th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 3rd week of April	16th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 1st week of May	17th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 3rd week of May	18th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, April - May	Final inspection of the site will be conducted by ECAT.	ECAT will approve the application.
Year 2, 1st week of June	19 th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 3rd week of June	20 th water sampling (Criteria 7 to 11) should be conducted by the beach operators.	Beach operators inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, July	An email will be sent by ECAT to the Beach/Marina operators outlining the next steps.	Compliance with all the criterions (33 criterion for the beaches and 25 for the Marinas).
Year 2, 1st June	Beach/Marina operators will submit their application.	Attach water sampling history, list of environmental education activities and other required documents as per the Application Package.
Year 2, July	National Jury will review all applications.	Approval from the National Jury.
Year 2, 3rd week of July	ECAT will submit the application to the International Jury upon approval from the National Jury.	
Year 2, October	International Jury will announce the Blue Flag awards.	

Year 2, 2nd week of October	Email will be sent to awarded BF operators for the Press Release requirements.	Beach/Marina operators must share their press release with ECAT for approval.
Year 2, 3rd week of October	ECAT will issue a press release announcing the successful Blue Flag operators in the country. Payment of the invoice must be made by Blue Flag operators.	
Year 2, 1st November	Official announcement of the Blue Flag Awards on the Blue Flag website.	Blue Flags must be hoisted.
Year 2, 15th December	Deadline to put up the Blue Flag Common Information Board and to hoist the Blue Flag flag.	Blue Flag Common Information Board must be placed.
Year 3, January	ECAT will propose a Control Visit date.	Beach/Marina operators should indicate their availability for the Control Visit.
Year 3, Feb – March	ECAT will conduct Control Visits (announced or unannounced).	All criterions must be fulfilled.

APPENDIX II

TABLE 2: BLUE FLAG RENEWAL OF APPLICATION DEADLINES

BLUE FLAG RENEWAL OF APPLICATION DEADLINES		
NOTE :MARINA OPERATORS SHOULD IGNORE THE DEADLINES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE		
Date	Deadline	Actions

Year 1, by 30th September	Beach/Marina operators should send a confirmation to ECAT for the renewal of their application.	An email confirmation should be sent to ECAT from the existing Blue Flag operators.
Year 1, 4th week of September	1 st water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 4th week of October	2 nd water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 4th week of November	3 rd water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 4th week of December	4 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, Jan – Feb	ECAT will conduct Control Visits.	
Year 2, 4th week of January	5 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 4th week of February	6 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 1st March	All environmental education activities (Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas) of the previous season must be provided to ECAT for review.	Beach Operators need to provide 5 EEAs and marina operators need to provide 3 EEAs of the previous season.
Year 2, 4th week of March	7 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 1, 1st April	All planned environmental education activities (Criteria 2 for beaches and Criteria 4 for marinas) for the coming season must be shared with ECAT.	Beach Operators need to provide 5 EEAs and marina operators need to provide 3 EEAs for the upcoming season.
Year 2, April	ECAT will conduct second Control Visit to check if the Beach/Marina operators have fulfilled missing criteria.	ECAT will highlight any areas in need of further work and the criterions that need to be fulfilled.
Year 2, 4th week of April	8 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 4th week of May	9 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 4th week of June	10 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, July	An email will be sent by ECAT to the Beach/Marina operators outlining the next steps.	Compliance with all the criterions (33 criterion for the beaches and 25 for the Marinas).
Year 2, 1st June	Beach/Marina Operators will submit their application.	Required documents as per the Application Package must be sent to ECAT
Year 2, July	National Committee will review all applications.	Approval from the National Jury.
Year 2, 4th week of July	ECAT will submit the application to the International Jury upon approval from the National Jury.	
Year 2, 4th week of July	11 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, 4th week of August	12 th water sample should be provided to ECAT by the beach operators (Criteria 7 to 11).	Beach operators should inform ECAT about the water quality results.
Year 2, September	International Jury will issue decisions on the Blue Flag operators of the new season.	
Year 2, October	International Jury will announce the Blue Flag awards.	
Year 2, 2nd week of October	Email will be sent to awarded BF operators for the press release requirements. Payment of the invoice by Blue Flag operators.	Beach/Marina operators should share their press release with ECAT for approval.
Year 2, 3rd week of October	ECAT will issue a press release announcing the successful Blue Flag operators in the country.	
Year 2, 1st November	Official announcement of the Blue Flag Awards on the Blue Flag website.	Blue Flag flags must be hoisted.
Year 2, 15th December	Deadline to hoist Blue Flag flags of the new season.	

APPENDIX III

Some accredited Laboratories in the UAE for Water Quality Testing (in accordance with Blue Flag parameters).

Note: This list is not exhaustive

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APPENDIX IV

Blue Flag Programme Fee Structure:

- 1) Blue Flag levy fee - €44
- 2) Blue Flag flag fee - AED 250 or above per flag
- 3) Blue Flag Management fee (listed in Table 3 below)

Table 3: Blue Flag Programme Management Fee

Category	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
Private beaches	0-200 rooms	201-300 rooms	301-499 rooms	500-999 rooms	1000 + rooms
FEES	5000 AED	7500 AED	10,000	15,000	20,000
Marinas	0-100 berths	101-200 Berths	Berths 201-300	Berths 301-499	Berths 500+
FEES per Berth	15 AED	20 AED	30 AED	35 AED	40 AED

Note: The Blue Flag Management Fee for public beaches is 1500.00 AED