

## Bristol Boat Owners

Bristol Harbour is home to a thriving boating community who use the water as a place to live, a place to work or just simply a place to relax. Bristol also welcomes visiting boaters.

The Get On Board campaign is working closely with Bristol's boating community to raise awareness of best environmental practice in relation to responsible wastewater disposal from vessels moored within the harbour.

Boat owners using the Floating Harbour are encouraged to review their wastewater disposal techniques to make sure they are environmentally acceptable and legally compliant. Where they are not, they are encouraged to work towards a solution by 2009.

Bristol is running a certification scheme for all boats disposing of waste in an environmentally acceptable way.

To support Bristol's boaters, the campaign provides free guidance and advice, to assist boat owners who wish to make improvements to their current wastewater disposal techniques.

## The Green Blue

The Green Blue, an exciting environmental initiative by the British Marine Federation and the Royal Yachting Association, has joined forces with the Get On Board campaign.

The Green Blue can provide a raft of helpful advice and information on how boat owners can limit their impact on the marine environment.

For more information on the Green Blue, visit their website [www.thegreenblue.org.uk](http://www.thegreenblue.org.uk)



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Get On Board is a collaborative approach to tackle the issue of environmental quality in and around the Floating Harbour.

All the participants outlined within this campaign leaflet are 'doing their bit' to protect and improve Bristol's Floating Harbour. Without their support, this campaign would not be possible.

This campaign is co-ordinated by the Bristol Living Rivers Project, a joint local initiative between the Bristol City Council and the Environment Agency aimed at protecting and improving Bristol's waterways.

## More information

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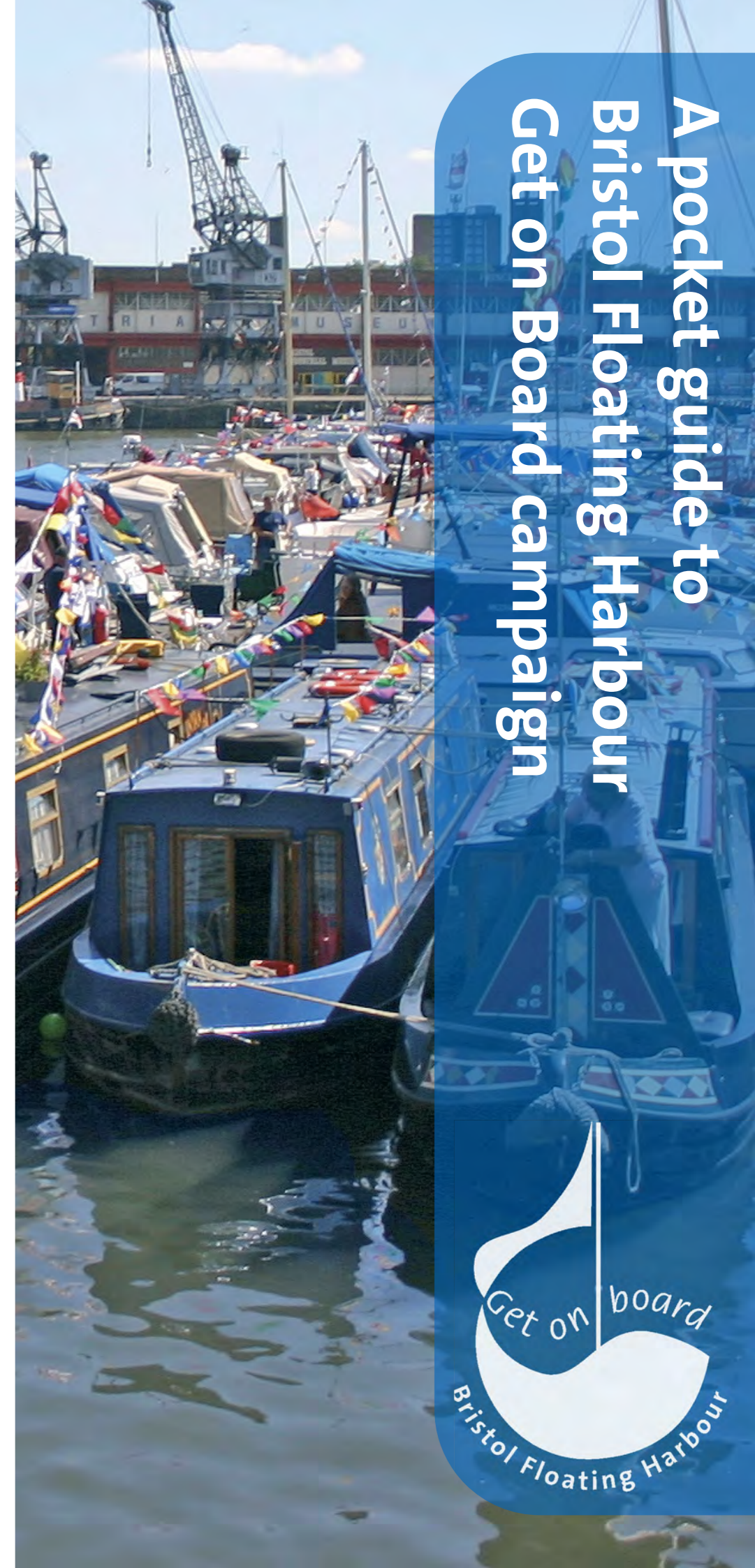
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# A pocket guide to Bristol Floating Harbour Get on Board campaign



# Working together to keep our Floating Harbour clean ...

The Floating Harbour is considered by many to be the jewel in Bristol's crown.

In recent years, the harbour has witnessed major redevelopment around its quaysides, contributing to the eight million tourists visiting Bristol each year. In addition, the harbour provides shelter to over 500 boats, and sustains a habitat supporting a variety of wildlife.

However, as development increases and more people continue to use the harbour, so too do environmental pressures.

During 2007, Bristol launched 'Get On Board', a multi-partnership campaign to protect and improve the Floating Harbour environment.

The campaign focuses on water quality through a variety of measures from stakeholders and users of the harbour.

This campaign leaflet summarises the main aspects of Get On Board.

## Floating Harbour Water Quality Advisory Group

The Water Quality Advisory Group, part of the Bristol Living Rivers Project, is a partnership of professional stakeholders working together to improve the Floating Harbour water environment.

Good water quality has a direct impact on the recreational, environmental and commercial value of the harbour.

The partnership consists of Bristol City Council, the Environment Agency, Wessex Water, and local health professionals.

The Get On Board campaign follows recommendations from the group, following work undertaken within the harbour over previous years.

As part of the campaign, the group is running educational projects around the harbourside with local schools raising awareness and educating children about protecting & preserving our local environment and the importance of citizenship.



## Bristol City Council

Teams from across the Council are supporting the campaign.

Bristol Harbour Authority is committed to providing new waste disposal facilities for boaters around the harbour.

Three new wastewater pump out points, due to be installed by 2009 at Harbourside, Temple Back and Redcliffe Wharf, will enable Bristol's boater's to dispose of their waste in an environmentally acceptable way.

In addition to this, the Harbour Authority has purchased a modern vessel to collect flotsam and jetsam discarded into harbour waters.

The Environmental Quality and Sustainable City Team is home to the Bristol Living Rivers Project and is leading the Get On Board campaign.

The team undertakes weekly water quality monitoring of the Floating Harbour in conjunction with the Harbour Authority. Water quality results are posted at the Harbour Office, Baltic Wharf notice board and [www.bristol.gov.uk/bristolharbour](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristolharbour)



The Pest Control Service will be supporting the campaign, through continued permanent baiting around the harbour to ensure that infestations of rats are kept low.

In addition, a new scheme to control the seagull population is also planned. The treatment of gull's eggs has proven successful across the country in reducing noise and mess made by seagulls.

In support of the campaign the Council's Enforcement Team is focusing their efforts on improving the appearance of Bristol's streets around the harbourside.

Anybody caught dropping or leaving any litter or waste on the ground will be issued with an on the spot fine.

The campaign urges all users of the Harbour to make use of litterbins for unwanted litter including food, waste and cigarette stubs, as this will reduce the attraction for rat's, pigeons and seagulls.



## The Environment Agency

The Environment Agency has a long history of working in partnership with organisations such as Bristol City Council & Wessex Water to protect & improve the environment. By working together, the sharing of information and expertise enables efforts to be more effective and better targeted.

The Environment Agency undertakes visits around the Floating Harbour to sites identified as having caused pollution in the past or at high risk of doing so in the future, and where necessary will advise on pollution prevention measures.

## Wessex Water

Wessex Water has an ongoing programme of improvements. These include work on the sewerage system to alleviate flooding and to improve many storm overflows. Part of the current work is a city-wide study to identify and address outstanding problem areas. Additionally, a major city centre flood alleviation project is underway.



## Operation Streamclean

Operation Streamclean is an initiative between Bristol City Council, the Environment Agency & Wessex Water to identify and rectify illegal drainage discharges across the city.

Operation Streamclean is supporting Get On Board through continued work within the harbour area to identify any drainage misconnections from quayside buildings discharging into harbour waters.

## Bristol Marina

Bristol Marina is supporting the 'Get On Board' campaign and caring for our Floating Harbour in practical ways.

Services currently available at the Marina include a chemical toilet disposal point and waste oil and battery disposal.

Bristol Marina is also installing a new pump out facility for all users of the Floating Harbour.

In addition, Bristol Marina offers advice and guidance to boaters, both on and around the boats and the Marina.

