

Haul-out procedures for visiting yachts

These procedures are designed to minimise the risk of introducing a new and potentially invasive species to St Helena's marine environment. Hauling-out is permitted in an emergency situation and by arrangement with the Port Authorities.

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Bilge water should have been pumped out before entering St Helena's territorial waters, in compliance with St Helena's Biosecurity Protocol for the Marine Environment. If this was not applied you must inform the Deputy Harbourmaster for advice on how to proceed.

Immediately before hauling-out:

To be done the same day as the vessel is hauled-out:

- Aerosol insecticidal spray (with a synthetic pyrethroid as the active ingredient) to be applied in all below-deck areas, including cabins, galley, engine room, etc. All doors, port holes and windows to be closed, and the spray applied on departure.

Any known infestations of rats, mice, mosquitoes or other invertebrates must be communicated to the Port Authorities for treatment before the vessel is hauled-out.

Hull cleaning:

- Place a tarpaulin or thick mooring rope below the hull covering the entire circumference of the vessel to collect scrapings and debris.
- All material scrapped from the hull must be contained, collected up and double bagged for disposal in the land-fill site.
- The area must then be washed down with a solution of 1 part domestic bleach with 4 parts water.

Further information, import health standards and import licence applications can be found online or call ANRD on 00 290 24724.