



## Environmental protection anchoring regulations

Anchoring of yachts in French Mediterranean sea is strictly regulated by Decree 155 – 2016 & 123-2019.

While anchoring, yachts must be on VHF standby (channel 16) and DCS (70) and must continuously transmit their AIS information.

Yachts > 45m must contact the semaphore at least one hour before anchoring and declare their anchoring plan. Please note that it can be refused for environmental and safety reasons.

Yachts > 80m must receive an anchoring authorization from the semaphore, according to CROSSMED statement.

In addition to the above regulations, local environmental legislation has designated specific conservation areas around Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Cap Martin, Bonifacio, etc.

**WARNING: NEW ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS  
ARE UNDER PROCESS**

For updates on the latest regulations, please visit :  
<http://bit.do/law-positonia>



# Hints & Tips

for an eco-friendly anchoring  
out of fragile **Posidonia**  
seagrass



### Anchoring Tips:

Prefer sandy areas, easily identifiable by their clear bottom, using sonar. Or in depth > 40m.  
Free app by Andromède Océanologie and AERMIC for easier localisation: [www.donia.fr](http://www.donia.fr).  
Reverse at 0.5 knots max and raise anchor with the bow of the boat directly over it.

### A key environment:

Several ecological functions; as valuable as coral reefs: homes plenty of species, protects against erosion...  
Grows only a few centimeters per year.  
Hundreds of hectares are ravaged by anchoring every year.  
Once destroyed, it cannot be restored.

