

Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report



2022 Spetses Classic Yacht Regatta

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1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations

The island of Spetses has somewhat potable water. We reached out to businesses that already have installed water filters to ensure that our participants could visit them and refill their bottles. We made sure we had a store in our race village providing reusable water bottles for sale. All participants were given reusable tumblers and visiting media were given reusable water bottles. At the skippers meeting we mentioned the initiative and named all the water refilling stations.

2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

Plastic Straws are banned under EU law. Straws of any kind were not made available during events.



3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

All food served was either compostable or finger picked. Food served by iSea was in bamboo receptacles with bamboo forks.



4. Use of Provide Reusable Bags

The race has had a dedicated Sail Reuse sponsor, Salty Bag, since 2013. Furthermore, every year Salty Bag reuses race sails that are made redundant during the race.



5. Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

We have a perpetual trophy and the sustainability prizes were made practical items. We also use recyclable glass trophies.



6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

During SCYR 22, the environmental organization iSea organized an event for the promotion of responsible seafood consumption. Furthermore, iSea presented a gastronomic event “pick the alien, eat responsibly”, during which the consumption of edible marine alien species is promoted to reduce their population and reduce the effects of their spread on marine ecosystems. Moreover, an information event for the crews took place, where the AEF briefed the crews on the recent mapping of Posidonia, a project to manage and protect meadows, to raise awareness of sailors and to avoid anchoring in sensitive locations.



7. Involve Local Organizations

We focused heavily on involving local organizations that ran the gamut of protecting local flora (Paths of Culture of Spetses), local community and its sustainable development (Community Trust of Spetses), and the Marine Environment (Argolic Environment Foundation), so as to have a holistic presentation of best practices from sea to summit and everything in between.

We collaborated with the local non-profit company Community Trust Spetses. The CTS presented the company's goals in relation to the local community and sustainability, to raise public awareness and involvement in action plans related to sustainable development of Spetses. The organization PATHS OF CULTURE OF SPETSES presented their reviving and reopening of the old trekking paths of Spetses, and informed the public about the basic species of the flora of Spetses. Lastly The Argolic Environment Foundation, during the skippers meeting, presented their recent map of Posidonia Oceanica of Spetses and the surrounding area as well as a providing sailors with best mooring practices.

8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage

As the race takes place on the public property of an island we were not allowed to post signage on public property. Instead we used the four partners we had: Community Trust Spetses, Argolic Environment Foundation, iSea, and Paths of Culture of Spetses. Each had a free stand at the race village to post their own signage. The only place where reusable signage was allowed by the port authority was mooring position signage which is made to be reused year after year.

9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

All seafood used was from locally sourced invasive species. Furthermore our Partner for our opening party Poseidonion Grand Hotel sources all its produce from its dedicated farm 2km from the hotel.



10. Organize a Green Team

The Green team was made up of: Antonis Vordonis CEO of the Poseidonion Grand Hotel and responsible for local sourcing and liaising with the municipality. Beatrice Yanacopoulou, local activist who is recently organizing a concert in Spetses to benefit Sea Shepherd and who brings sustainability leaders every year (ex. Isabella Tree of "Wilding). Beatrice was responsible with liaising with the local organizations. Efthimia Psarakou who helps run the Spetses Community Trust organized the beach cleanup with the local school and organized the refill stations with the Spetses Chamber of Commerce. Pavlos Zafeiropoulos from the AEF spoke to crews about the Posidonia Oceanica meadows of the surrounding waters and offered proper anchoring tips. Stratis Andreadis, Race Coordinator organized sourcing of sails for the reusable bags and liaised with iSea and CTS for the presentation of sustainable fishing that iSea presented to local fisherfolk as well as the Pick the Alien sustainable seafood event.

11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Private waste bins are not allowed on the island on public land (where the race is held) and it is illegal to brand public waste bins. To ensure proper recycling we informed the racers of where recycling and general waste bins are (in Greece, they are two different colors so easy to separate) as no other option is legally available.

12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

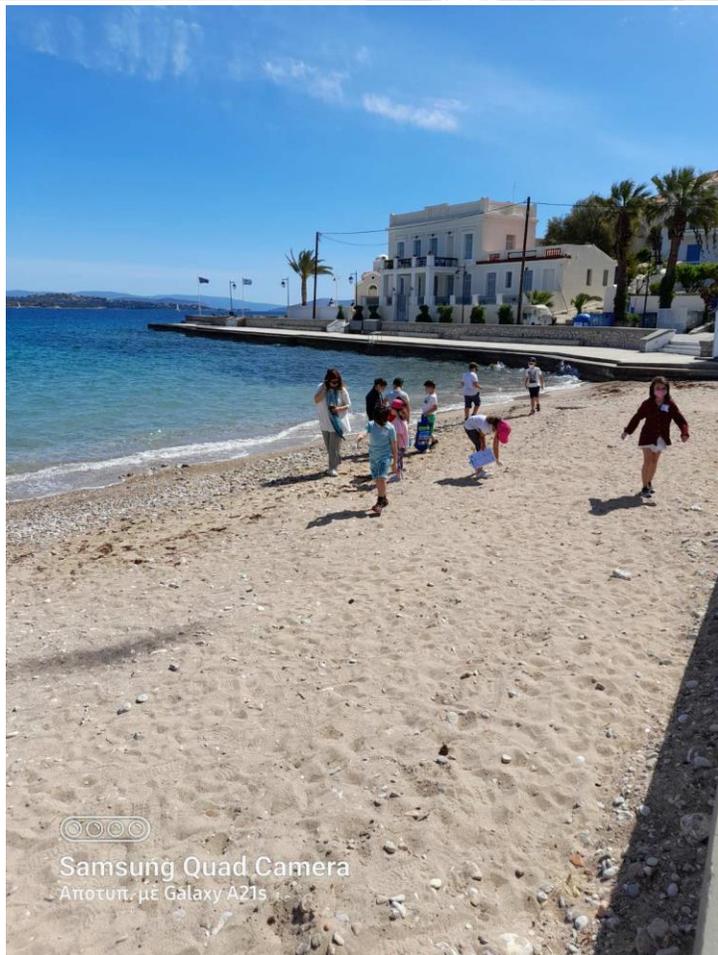
All food that can be composted is taken care of by the Poseidonion Grand Hotel. Furthermore we ensured that leftover food from the pick the alien event was such that it could be served yet another day.

No.	Type	Race	Initiator	Respondent(s)	Decision
16.	Request to Reopen	4 & 5	CLASSIC A - CA01 - ALEXANDRA I	Protest Committee	Hearing Pending
	➔ Hearing Request Form ➔ 2709E106E1H1Q1Y RE-OPENING				
15.	Request to Reopen	5	CLASSIC A - CA02 - ALEXANDRA I	Protest Committee	Hearing Pending
	➔ Hearing Request Form				
14.	Request to Reopen	5	CLASSIC A - CA02 - ALEXANDRA I		Hearing Pending
	➔ Hearing Request Form				
13.	Protest	2	Traditional dirghies - 25493 - Minor 25493	T0B - Nautios III	Hearing Pending
	➔ Hearing Request Form				
12.	Protest	6-7	TBO1 - 031 - Agios Nikolaos	TBO1 - 217 - NHPFAZ	Decision Complete
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11.	Request to Reopen	7	Παρθενιακας Αιγυλοι - TBO1 - 217 - Ngracα	Παρθενιακας Αιγυλοι - TBO2 - 217 - Ngracα	Decision Complete
	➔ Hearing Request Form				
10.	Request for Redress	4	Spirit of Galatea	Race Committee	Heard With: 08
	➔ Hearing Request Form				
09.	Request for Redress	4	Spirit of Tradition - USA551 - Zazu	Race Committee	Heard With: 08
	➔ Hearing Request Form ➔ 7FE63D78-4959-4959-8A89-48F93BCC0660.jpeg				
08.	Request for Redress	4	SoT - SoT06 - MAZU	Race Committee	Heard With Protest(s): 07, 08, 10 Rules: RRS 62.1(a) BACCARA, ZAZU, MAZU and SPIRIT OF GALATEA, to be restored to their finishing positions.

13. Use Paperless Event Management

We use racing rules of sailing to publish everything the RC needs to communicate online:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/decisions/4311/event?name=spetses-classic-yacht-regatta-2022>



14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up

The students of the 2nd grade of the primary school of Spetses were divided into crews, taking names from crew boats that run in the regatta, and started cleaning the beach of Agios Mamas, in Spetses. The children, after collecting the garbage, separated and counted it, creating a database of waste quantities for future use for research purposes related to waste reduction.

15. Promote Alternative Transportation

Spetses is by definition an alternative transport destination as it is a car-free island. Most competitors either walk, cycle or use a horse and carriage to get around. That is to say that our choice of venue in itself promotes alt. transport.

16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection

As discussed above AEF, iSea, CTC, and Spetses Paths of Culture as well and the kindergarten beach clean-up were all a part of increasing awareness. Our singular focus on bringing NGOs that dealt with every aspect of the environment that we interact with hopefully attests to our holistic approach to awareness raising.



17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

iSea provided vegetarian alternatives. During our welcome dinner we provided hummus, and Mediterranean wraps for vegan alternatives.

18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques

19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

Our NoR prohibits cleaning during the regatta with anything other than water. Furthermore hull cleaning is prohibited.

20. Encourage Green Boating Practices

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