Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report



China Coast Regatta

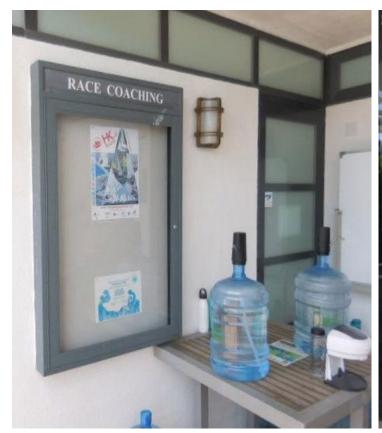
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1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations:







Since 2016, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club ("Club"), located in Kellet Island, Middle Island and Shelter Cove, has banned single-use plastic bottles, bags, straws, takeaway cutleries and the Club continues to minimize any use of single-use plastic. Carboys and water refill stations are available in all of our Clubs.

2. Eliminate Plastic Straws:



Since the elimination of plastic straw use, paper straws are provided on a request-only basis.

3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware:



The Club does not use any plastic dinnerware and wooden cutlery is provided on request basis for takeaway orders. Our Club banned single-use plastic in 2016; wooden cutleries are offered by the Club as a standard practice. Sailors who request takeaways on the regatta day would also be ask the option to include or exclude wooden cutlery.

4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags:



Reusable bags are available at The Club. There's no skipper bag or any bag given for the event. Our Club charges HK \$10 (US\$1.28)/reusable bag on F&B takeaways. Over the years, sailors and members bring their own reusable bags.

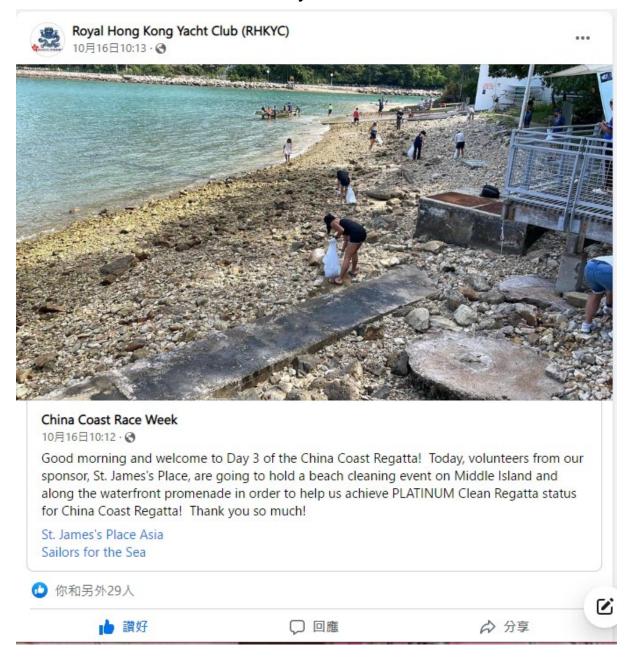
5. Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy:

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Trophy Code	Current Name	Award For	Photo	Location
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0379	CHINA COAST CUP (CHS)	IRC Division 1	0.37.5	Crystal LOST Main Bar - China Coast Race Trophy Cabinet
0380	CHINA COAST CUP (PYS)	HKPN	D 3 8 ()	Main Bar - China Coast Race Trophy Cabinet
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0535	SIMPSON MARINE TROPHY	IRC Division 2	CONSCIENTIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP	Main Bar - China Coast Race Trophy Cabinet

The Club uses Perpetual Trophies. Winning boat names are engraved on Trophies and displayed at The Club.

6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts:



Sustainability efforts are promoted at the Club's website, social media and at the same time promoting to our main sponsor.

7. Involve Local Organizations:



Regatta's main sponsor, St. James Place, participated in the beach cleanup activities and collected ghost nets. Overall, around 40 kg of debris had been collected.

8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage:



The Club's "Pick Up Plastic" Campaign signages are prominently displayed in various locations while banners showing Sailors for the Seas' Clean Regattas are permanently positioned where foot traffic is high. This is to ensure banners and signages are immediately visible.

9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably:



The Club only serves food that are either locally sourced or from sustainable sources. WWF helped us to assess several seafood suppliers in Feb 2016 and we started to serve sustainable seafood in Oct 2016. Products from suppliers are certified by the Marine Stewardship Council with 100% traceable origin, 100% natural, 100% free of chemical, antibiotics and growth hormones, 100% safe.

10. Organize a Green Team:



The Club's Sustainability Sub- Committee put together Green Team Leaders group who represent their Classes. They are the constant reminders to their respective Classes regarding the best practices of the Clean Regattas. Some enthusiastic volunteers became the day green team members during the beach clean up activities.

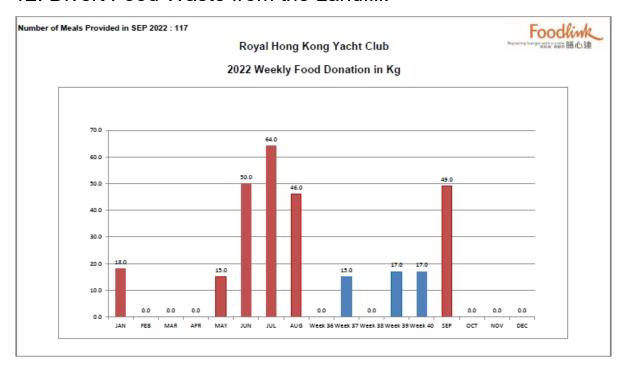
11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage:





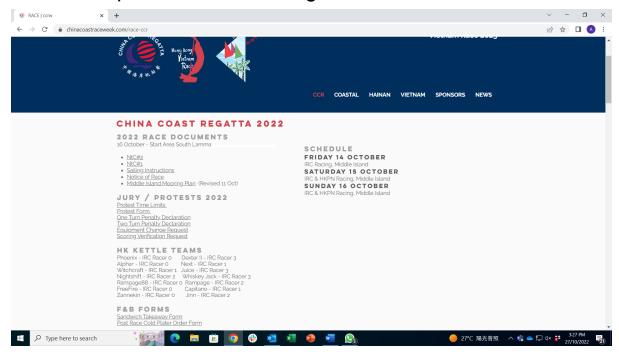
The Club's recycle bins are with visible signages to clearly separate different trash types. The bins are located in different areas within the Club.

12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill:



We have a food waste processing unit at our club. In 2019, the club purchased an ORCA machine which can process food waste. The machine is now processing around 300 kg of food waste every month, and minimize waste being discharged to landfill. We also participate in the Foodlink's food recycle programme. Foodlink collects safe-to-eat surplus food from us and deliver to those in need and this helps local community and reduces our city's landfill. Collected food is provided to people who live below the poverty line in Hong Kong.

13. Use Paperless Event Management:



All Regatta information such as Notice of Race, Sailing Instruction, Entries, etc. are accessible via the Club's website. Regatta results are also uploaded at the Club's website.

14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up:



A beach cleanup was held in Middle Island, within the vicinity of the race courses, on 16 Oct 2022, during low tide to ensure volunteers were able to access some hard to reach areas.

15. Promote Alternative Transportation:

Middle Island, venue of the China Coast Regatta, is an island and has no parking, so everyone takes public transport.

16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection:



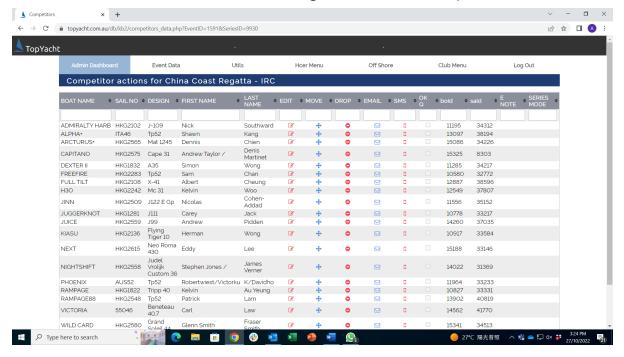
One of the Club's Sustainability Sub-Committee initiatives is a biodiversity program where divers collect and record marine life around the Club. Data are documented to support future discussion with the city government for protection of marine life. Results were featured in our Club e-magazine (Ahoy! June 2021). It was also shown at last year's World Ocean Day event organised by the Club's Sustainability SubCommittee. The Sustainability SubCommittee asks for member volunteers as well as involve local organizations like the Sai Kung Scuba.

17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives:



The Club introduced Vegetarian and Vegan menus. Sandwiches are available including vegetarian options and it forms part of our menu during regattas or on normal days. We offer 6 vegan dishes, 1 vegan pizza, 2 vegan pastas and 1 vegan sandwich.

18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques



An online entry system is used for the race.





The Club purchased One EV solar powered sampan (local term for small transport boat), which is being evaluated to compare with our existing fuel powered sampan. If the result is satisfactory, all sampans in our 3 clubhouses will be replaced gradually.

Race management deploy safety boats as a safeguard to the sailors, especially since the course area is just outside the vicinity of the prohibited zone due to commercial container ships passing lane. The Club plans to test some robotic marks next year, while bow sticker use has been eliminated since 2016.



Boats are prohibited from washing down their boats during Regatta.

20. Encourage Green Boating Practices

On the Committee boat, Race Committee did daily announcement via VHF to all competitors just before announcing race courses. Message below were broadcasted:

"China Coast Regatta is part of the Clean Regattas Program and RHKYC is very much committed to sustainable efforts. All sailors, please be reminded to collect your trash after the race and dispose them in the designated recycling bins. Let's all be responsible sailors, protect our environment and keep our ocean plastic free!"