

Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report



Marblehead Junior Race Week

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



We communicated that the event would be a plastic-free zone and no single-use water bottles would be allowed or provided. We provided the Water Monster as a means for filling up water bottles thanks to Sustainable Marblehead.

2. Eliminate Plastic Straws:

We did not provide beverages, so this was a moot point!

3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware:

We chose our menu so as to avoid needing any type of utensils. Compostable cups were used for a coffee station for parents and volunteers. Our menu was chosen with intention to avoid creating waste.

We limited our waste by selecting food that did not require plates. Napkins and any packaging was compostable, which we insured was accurate with our compost vendor, Black Earth.

4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags:

We opted to not use bags.

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



7. Involve Local Organizations:



We worked with Sustainable Marblehead (water monster donation for 3 days); Black Earth Compost out of Manchester, MA; and with Marblehead High School's National Green School Society (NGSS) (photo above).

8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage:

We reused signage from our previous Clean Regattas, while also creating a few new pieces with images of our napkins and other food wrappers so sailors knew what bins to place them in. This helped a lot with adherence.



9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably:



We sourced fresh vegetables from Iron Ox Farm in Hamilton, MA.

10. Organize a Green Team:





Our Green Team was stronger than ever this year! It started out with a RECYCLING and COMPOSTING trivia game where the kids were shown several waste items and had to figure out which bin they would go in. From here, they were really empowered to educate sailors, parents and coaches to insure proper placement of waste materials. They led a great beach clean up kicking off the event; and then did thorough sweeps of the two yacht club campus' each day. While the sailors were off racing, the kids also checked all the waste management stations (we had 4) to insure the bins weren't contaminated. Finally, the kids broke into groups to design and create a GREEN AWARD (they were all so great, we ended up combining them into one award!)

11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage:

We have done this enough times to know where human flow is on the two YC campus' and set up waste mgt stations in appropriate locations. Each station had a recycling, compost, and landfill bin. They had clear and proper signage, and they were manned by volunteers and the Green Team to insure there wasn't any contamination!

12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill:

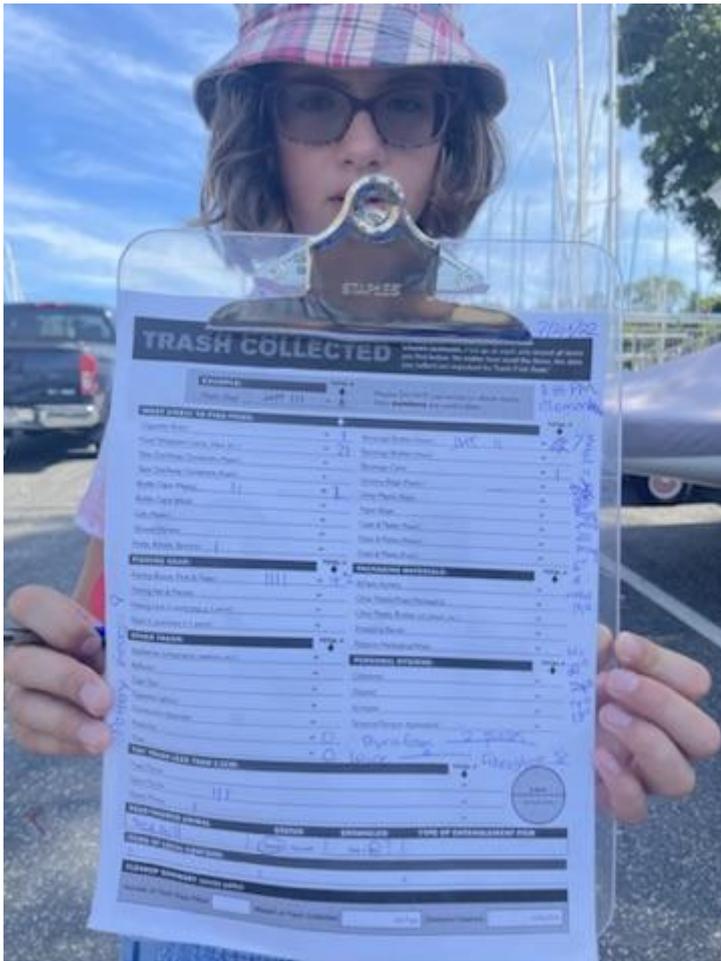
With our waste management systems set up (3 stations: trash, compost, recycling) throughout the Pleon and EYC campus', the Green Team volunteers overseeing them to ensure waste was placed in the proper receptacle and with the careful selection of food and beverage products being served (i.e. the vendor that provided wraps used our compostable wrap papers), we had minimal landfill waste. I wish we had weighed it because it was remarkable how little landfill waste we had. All food waste went offsite via Black Earth Composting.

13. Use Paperless Event Management:

We use ClubSpot and laminated instructions for Race Committee and Safety boats.

14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up:





Food wrappers were our biggest problem, and this makes sense as the beach is surrounded by the EYC pool, Pleon Yacht Club and boats coming and out of the EYC/Pleon docks.

15. Promote Alternative Transportation:

We suggested sailors carpool, walk or bike if possible.

16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection:

During the Beach Clean Up and at the Skipper's meeting, we talked about the intentions behind being a Clean Regatta and although the intentions behind this work is multi-faceted, we can't forget the need to protect and preserve the wildlife and their habitat that make up our sailing "playground". The Green Team looked at the trash collected from the clean up and talked about how it could affect and endanger marine life, as well as how they need to share this information and concerns with the rest of the sailors and coaches. Sailors for the Sea attended the final day of the regatta to play educational games and increase awareness of the impact of pollution on the marine environment.

17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives:

See above for the vegetables served.

18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques:

No bow stickers were used.

19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water:

No toxins were allowed at the regatta. Water-only wash downs were used on a grassy or gravel area away from the water to minimize runoff.

20. Encourage Green Boating Practices:

This year we limited judges boats and streamlined safety boats (and had them cut their engine and tie up to a buoy).