



Sailors for the Sea

Clean Regatta Best Practice Achievements

New Zealand Sailcraft RS Feva Nationals 2020

Report from Wakatere Boating Club Inc for Platinum Certification

Wakatere Boating Club has been an advocate for the Sailors for the Seas Clean Regatta program for over 2years. During this time, we have actively worked with the local sailing community and yachting federations to promote and encourage other clubs to use the Clean Regattas program to create change and awareness for the coastline and ocean waters we all love.

We are hugely proud of what our small club has achieved as we continue to find ways to connect with our local community and develop a sense of responsibility and ownership for our environment.

Our New Zealand Sailcraft RS Feva Nationals 2020 were a resounding success on many levels but perhaps most rewarding were our Clean Regatta successes - we proudly present our Best Practice Achievements towards Platinum Certification.

Regatta web page

<https://www.wakatere.org.nz/past-regattas-2/2020-nz-sailcraft-rs-feva-national-championship-1>

Sustainability

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ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS

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

Wakatere Boating Club encouraged competitors to bring a reusable regatta bottle with them to the event.

A water filling station was put in place to allow bottles to be refilled.

There was also a filtered tap available to use inside the club along with glasses and a jug of water for those without a drink bottle. (this is an important message of change that needs to be encouraged - people do not *have* to have a bottle with them in order to have a drink while out and about)

Additionally we were lucky enough to be sponsored metal bottles by our local New World Supermarket and we gifted these to our volunteers in their lunch packs as a thank you and to encourage the 'reuse, reuse, reuse' mentality.

During the regatta we also posted on our FB page and further promoted the importance of education around limiting single use plastics.



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📍 Use Woodall Carpark to unload your boat and walk it across on your beach trolley... using the pedestrian crossing. It's safer and will keep you away from the congestion in and out of the compound gate on Saturday. And DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLES

🔄🔄🔄 #2020fevanatsnz #reuse #recycle

Letter to Competitors -

Dear Competitors,

Welcome to the 2020 RS Feva Nationals at Wakatere Boating Club. We are really excited to be hosting this event and look forward to meeting everyone.

There are a few items and reminders we would like to draw your attention to:

1. **Training:** Friday training is at 1pm rigged and ready. Briefing for the training will be held in the Club's compound area (behind the club), not in the Club house as there is a private function from 12 – 3pm.
2. **Overnight Boat Storage:** Boats can be left out the front of the Club overnight.
3. **Overnight Support Boat Storage:** Support boats can be left inside the Club's compound overnight. While we have not had security problems in the past, we do recommend padlocking support boats.
4. **Registration:** We will open registration early if training finishes early so you do not have to hang around too long. If you're coming from far away and won't make registration on Friday night (8pm close off), please let us know and we can make other arrangements.
5. **Ocean Swim Event:** There is an Ocean Swim event happening on Saturday morning at Narrow Neck Beach. All swimmers should be off the beach just after 9am and the event should be packed down by 9:30am. The event setup is in the parking area, well away from the Club. Parking should not be a problem in the Woodall carpark as swimmers are being shuttled to the event.
6. **Debrief and pizzas after racing on Saturday:** There will be a debrief on observations from race officials after racing on Saturday. To help you further enjoy the debrief session, pizzas will be served to sailors.
7. **Beach Clean:** As this is a Clean Seas regatta, sailors are invited to participate in a beach clean on Sunday morning at 9am. We have arranged for the Clean Up Crew to provide us with equipment to help with the beach clean. Please come.
8. **Water Stations:** The Club has water refill stations on site so bring your water bottles to refill.
9. **Beach Trolley:** Please mark your beach trolley with your sail number. Beach trolleys can't be left on the beach while you are sailing; storage is available on the road in front of the club leaving the cycle lanes clear.
10. **Wakatere Boating Club Christmas party:** The Club has its annual Christmas party on Sunday night from 5:00pm. You are welcome to join us for a meal. Cost is \$10 per person (non WBC member). Please let us know at club registration if you like to stay on for a meal with us.
11. **Sponsors:** A big thanks to our sponsors – NZ Sailcraft, New World Devonport and Goodbye Ouch.
12. **Have Fun!**





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Looking after our regatta volunteers with reusable metal water bottles donated by [New World Devonport](#), lunches packed in reusable bags from sail cloth sponsored by [Doyle Sails](#) and all natural sun cream from [Goodbye OUCH](#). Doing it right at [Wakatere Boating Club](#)

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One of the great benefits of running a CLEAN REGATTA is educating kids about the importance of reducing single use plastic. Thanks to SA Plumbing Supply Ltd 🌱💧

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2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

Wakatere Boating Club **does not** use plastic straws.

Because we were also hosting our club Christmas function on the same weekend as the Feva Nationals, we sold punch at the bar and on this occasion we used 'sugar cane straws' - the novelty of these straws worked well as conversation starters to highlight the importance of looking for plastic alternatives in our everyday behaviours. We have also worked closely with the local cafe to support their change to using compostable straws for all their drinks.



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Wakatere bar has all bases covered for our club celebration. Christmas special \$6 including edible straws! Less packaging from us to you

[Sailors for the Sea - New World Devonport](#)



3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

After racing on day one of the regatta we provided pizza to all our sailors and guests. We chose a local pizza company that served 1.5mtr long pizzas. This helped us reduce the amount of packaging that would have come from 50 or 60 individual pizza boxes and instead we only had 15 oversize pizza boxes.

We use compostable dinnerware from <https://innocentpackaging.co.nz/> at Wakatere but by making choices to simplify things even further, we chose to keep things casual and served the pizza's with paper serviettes only. By doing this, we further reduced our compost waste by avoiding filling our compost bins with paper plates and biodegradable cutlery for this occasion.

For volunteer lunches we specifically choose to change from packaged muesli bars etc to fresh baked goods and seasonal fruit. This allowed us to use paper bags where needed so we could avoid foil packaging. For sandwiches, we made a special request that they be delivered in cardboard packaging rather than plastic packaging. When lunch bags were returned this allowed us to put all the waste directly into the compost bins including the paper and cardboard packaging. This eliminated anything going to the landfill.

Use of reusable, WBC branded coffee mugs for local cafe use

We have an arrangement with our local cafe to provide club members and guests with reusable coffee mugs that can be used at the cafe when ordering a coffee or tea. Once finished with their coffee or tea, people return the mugs to us. This reduces the amount of single use take-away coffee and tea mugs being given out at the cafe.



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and... grab a Wakatere coffee cup in the kitchen and head to [Narrowneck Beach Cafe](#) to get your ☕ caffeine fix.

#reuseandrecycle #rsfevanatsnz at [Wakatere Boating Club](#)

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4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags

The ultimate in Reusable bags - we are 'reusing' our volunteers lunch bags that were so kindly made for us by Doyle Sails for a previous Clean Regatta using old sail cloth. They again did a wonderful job of reducing our waste while we provided lunches to our many volunteers. Our volunteers happily got alongside the idea and returned their bags to be replenished the following day.



5. Award Gear or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

For this year's Feva Prize Giving, the RS Feva Association provided a range of perpetual trophies that continue to be awarded each year. Along with these prizes were gear bags and a collection of sailing equipment that will be used by sailors. Bags were made from recycled sail cloth. The National trophy was made locally from NZ wood.



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NZ RS Feva Association

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Feva Nats prize-giving 2:30. So many prizes!!!

Listen for the 🛖 bell and head to the clubrooms [#rsfevanatsnz](#)



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

YachtingNZ regatta calendar

Event posted on the National YNZ website. Clean regatta noted.

Pre-regatta article published on the Sail World website & facebook.

Extract - "this National Championships is a Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta event - the world's only sustainability certification for water based events. Wakatere is aiming for Gold certification and has a number of environmentally friendly initiatives in place for this regatta, starting with the streaming of rubbish, compostable serveware, plant based water bottles & eco sun-screen supplied by GoodByeOuch. They will also have water refilling stations to refill your regatta drink bottle and are working with local environmental group The Clean Up Crew to run a beach clean along with competitors and the local Narrow Neck community.

A paperless regatta means all information is available online or on the club noticeboard and all volunteers are looked after with locally sourced food that is packaged with the environment in mind. Wakatere Boating Club is committed to looking after their ocean home as much as they look after their visiting sailors."

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/233646/40-crew-to-contest-2020-RS-Feva-Nationals?fbclid=IwAR1fDOuNDccC6PuVHF7M6rFznzp8NT8yQNYbClhdFEjXq9uE3qNDoUjf5EI>

Reports shared on the RS Feva Association facebook and the International RS Feva Association facebook



RS Feva

December 6 at 1:56 AM · 🌐



RS Feva sailors in New Zealand are gearing up for their National Championships



NZ RS Feva Association

December 3 at 6:18 PM · 🌐

2020 NZ Sailcraft RS Feva National Championship is just over a week away. Will you be there?

Enter today and pay by next Wed 9th Dec. Sign up - <https://bit.ly...>

See More

Sail World regatta report

Website and facebook

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/233838/RS-Feva-Fresh-winds-test-big-fleet-in-Nationals>

Yachting New Zealand regatta report.

Website, facebook and YNZ Briefings newsletter

<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/news/hot-competition-rs-feva-nationals>

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a fantastic job organising the event, which was sponsored by NZ Sailcraft, New World Devonport and Goodbye Ouch Sun Products.”

Local Devonport Flagstaff News

“Local Sailors Take Out RS Feva NZ National Championship Titles

Windy, tricky conditions were all part of the mix for 74 sailors who competed at the 2020 RS Feva National Championships held at Wakatere Boating Club (WBC) Narrow Neck over the 12th and 13th December. Characterised by some of the fastest downwind speeds recorded for the class.

Sailors travelled from as far as Kerikeri, New Plymouth and Wanganui and brought a huge range of skill sets from World Champions and current Olympic representatives with junior crews as young as 8yrs competing.

The RS Feva is a relatively new two-person class of dinghy, designed primarily for youth but also attracts adult/child combinations, which gives juniors a chance to learn from seniors.

This year, in recognition of the wide range of skills and ages, the event was organised into four divisions which saw Wakatere sailors take out two of the divisions.

Local boy, Ashton Williamson (WBC) and crew, Jack Parr (NPYC), took out the Youth Championship division and Overall National title with an impressive display of sailing skills and sheer determination.

Another Wakatere member, skipper Daniella Wooldridge and crew, Katie Mulcahy (MBSC), took out the Women’s Championship, notching up some great top ten placings in races. The pair are a formidable combination, having taken out the Women’s division in the Sir Peter Blake Regatta at Torbay earlier in December.

Current NZ Olympic 470 representative and local, Paul Snow Hansen, shared his knowledge by teaming up with local junior sailor, Tessa Clinton. The pair took out 3rd place in the Open division, finishing just behind current RS Feva Open World Champion Simon Cooke and son Ashton Cooke, who is another junior WBC member. The Open division was won by Sean and Imogen Herbert from Manly who won an impressive 4 of the 6 races sailed.

The regatta was registered as Sailors of the Sea Clean Regatta and Wakatere took a number of environmentally friendly initiatives and was committed to looking after their ocean home as much as they looked after their visiting sailors.”

Beach Clean

Facebook event



Wakatere Boating Club added an event.

December 1 at 6:18 PM · 🌐



SUN, DEC 13

Narrow Neck Beach Clean

Auckland



7. Involve Local Organizations

Wakatere has developed a long term partnership with local beach clean group 'The Clean Up Crew' to work with us in promoting beach cleans at Narrow Neck Beach. Our aim is to use the database of both groups to grow awareness and participation of our wider community in taking stewardship of our local coastline.

<https://www.facebook.com/thecleanupcrewnz/>

In asking our Race Officer to be involved in this activity also we demonstrated to our competitors that a beach clean is not just a kids activity but something for us all to be involved in.

We promoted our beach clean on Facebook and with the local Flagstaff Newspaper who will be running a story on our event to further encourage the local community to join us in future beach cleans.





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Christmas beach clean for Narrow Neck. Thanks to the [The Clean Up Crew](#) for taking the lead

[Sailors for the Sea](#) Clean Regatta



[8. Post Responsible, Educational and Reusable Signage](#)

We have 3 posters that we place in the common areas of the club - main hall & changing rooms. These are simple signs that help educate on the lifespan of various plastics that we find in the ocean. The other signage we use is in the form of long lasting adhesive labels that explain the use of our reusable coffee cups.

“Enjoy your coffee then please return to Wakatere Boating Club”



9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

In our efforts to keep local with our food - we sourced from three food suppliers, all within 15 minutes of our club. We worked with them and asked that any food delivered came in cardboard boxes, and we returned those boxes to the store for re-use where possible

Our pizza dinner came from a local supplier and any of the meat that went into these pizzas was free range farmed. (Our compost collections include cardboard contaminated with oil and food scraps)

We also baked fresh scones ourselves at the club on the first morning and served this to competitors throughout the morning along with freshly made coffee. For coffees and

for those wanting to use our neighbouring cafe for special coffees, we supplied reusable coffee cups that could be returned to the club to be washed and returned for another day once finished.

For our competitors as they came off the water, we prepared large pots of hot vegetarian pasta in the club kitchens and served this in paper bowls with compostable forks.



RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

10. Assemble and Identify Your Green Team

One of the interesting things about running a Clean Regatta is that the organisers are often the ones behind the camera & not often in front of the camera - such was the case for this event. Delayne Salthouse was the lead person for the Feva Nationals Clean Regatta but at Wakatere we have worked hard to develop a 'club mindset' where all our members are part of our Green Team. However, on race days - it was the ladies in the kitchen who had the endless conversations with competitors and supporters each time they handed out an item of food, about where the rubbish should end up and it was our

media person Amanda Michel who diligently posted and prompted our environmental messages, and Julia Faire, our event organiser who worked with Delayne to develop and continually improve our Clean Regatta protocol.



11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Wakatere has a robust and effective waste management plan in place.

We have 3 streams of waste - landfill, recycle & compost

We use large 620ltr bins to collect our bulk waste and feed into this from 2 sets of 72ltr bins that are positioned inside the club & decks another set of 160ltr bins in the compound area.

All bins are clearly signed with extra signage inside to match the types of waste particular to each event





12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

At Wakatere we have compost bins available for all food scraps and compostable items. We have 3 compost bins positioned around the club venue and we take pride in educating and encouraging our guests to use the compost bins. We find signage is very helpful to promote this message, but more important are the quick conversations we take the time to have with each person as we hand out their food. A quick explanation of where and why their bowl of food is compostable has a much greater response and success rate. Our compost collectors also take our pizza boxes that are contaminated with food scraps and oil.



13. Use Paperless Event Management

All our results and NOR/SI for the regatta have one copy pinned to our notice board and all where available online through the event page on our website and facebook. We also made use of our TV screen inside the club to post results.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 Appendix S shall apply

Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard at the WBC no later than 20th November and on the WBC website.

Paper copies will not be issued to competitors

Day 1 briefing



Day 2 briefing



Wall mounted TV in the clubrooms



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up

We worked with local environmental group The Clean Up Crew and hosted a community beach clean of our local Narrow Neck Beach. We invited the local community to join us and encouraged our competitors and their supporters to keep an extra special eye out for Mermaids Tears that settle deep within the seaweed clumps on the beach.



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Beach Clean video

Wakatere Day 2 video includes images of the Beach Clean

https://fb.watch/2vrVEPw_lm/

15. Promote Alternative Transportation

Website - "Please consider alternative transport - all buses in and out of Devonport pass the club with a bus stop at Narrow Neck. These buses meet most of the Devonport daytime ferry services. [Journey planner](#) There is a bike rack at Narrow Neck cafe and there are a number of railings around the Club to use a bike lock".



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16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection

During the sailors briefing, our Rear Commodore spoke about the Leopard Seal 'Owha' and the Orca pod who both frequent the Hauraki Gulf waters off Narrow Neck Beach. Phone numbers and websites were shared for the groups that protect and study this

local wildlife and we discussed how we can reduce our impact on their environment while out sailing.

**Wakatere Boating Club**
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2020 NZ Sailcraft RS Feva National Championship is a Sailors for the Sea CLEAN REGATTA.

Check out Best Practice #16: Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection - part of protecting what you love involves safeguarding those who call our waters home!

Orca Hotline
0800 733 6722
They can be contacted on 0800 SEE ORCA (0800 733 6722).
<https://www.orcaresearch.org/>

Leopard Seal Hot Line
<http://www.leopardseals.org/>
0800 LEOPARD / 0800 536 7273

Image: Darren McManaway at [Wakatere Boating Club](#)



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17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

To ensure we offered a range of low impact foods, we also provided fruit bowls, vegetarian lunch options and Vegetarian/Vegan Pizzas for our competitors dinner and also hot vegetarian pasta bowls for our sailors as they came off the water.



GREEN BOATING

18. Encourage Water Only Washdowns

As Auckland is in the middle of a water crisis, we decided to change how we allow people to wash their boats. We ensured we had adjustable, low flow guns on our hoses at the washdown ramp so that we could limit the amount of water consumption. No competitors did anything other than a water only washdown. We also provide a large barrel of water for our engine flush. Not only does this save water but also allows us to contain any oil deposits that come out of the engine and we can correctly dispose of the used barrel water at a later date.

Wakatere website H&S policy

Water Restrictions

Auckland Council has now eased water restrictions for Auckland as of 14 Dec 2020.

Club hoses may be used under the following conditions only:

1. Only use hoses with trigger nozzles (all club hoses will have these fitted)
2. Priority given to washing down any club patrol boats
3. 30 seconds maximum time to wash any members' boats
4. Allocate an adult to run the hose when washing kids boats to conserve water

Watercare





19. Use Non-Toxic Sunscreens or Cleaning Products

We are so lucky to have found a local manufacturer of an amazing sunblock product...and even more lucky that they wanted to support us by sponsoring some of their product for our Feva Nationals. GoodByeOuch provided us with small metal pots of sunblock - all natural ingredients and reef safe.

We promoted this - obviously - to our competitors, and gave each of them a free metal potel to use.

We used this opportunity to promote the importance of 'reef safe' sunblocks to protect not only ourselves but our environment too.

<https://www.goodbye.co.nz/goodbye-ouch-sun-balm-natural-sunscreen/>





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Getting the job done with [Goodbye Ouch SUN BALM](#). ☀️ Save your skin and the environment. Big thanks to Goodbye for supporting the 2020 NZ Sailcraft RS Feva National Championship [#rsfevanatsnz](#)

Natural living is created one decision at a time. More about Goodbye <https://www.goodbye.co.nz/>

Sailors for the Sea CLEAN REGATTA







Goodbye

December 15 at 4:32 PM · 🌐



What a cracker weekend for a regatta, the Feva Champs held at [Wakatere Boating Club](#). Goodbye OUCH Sun Balm would have been well put to use. Summer time feeling coming on!



Wakatere Boating Club

November 27 at 12:13 PM · 🌐

Looking forward to sharing Goodbye OUCH sun balm with sailors at the [2020 NZ Sailcraft RS Feva National Championship](#). Not only good for bodies, it's also health... [See More](#)

20. Do Not Offer Bow Stickers to Competitors

Wouldn't even think of it :)

Photos of Fevas with no regatta bow sticker.



Photo of Simon and Ashton Cooke sailing at the event, 2nd place Open Division. Photo taken by Richard Gladwell, Sail-World NZ 13th December 2020.

Our Challenges -

Wakatere Boating Club is positioned on the waters edge on Narrow Neck Beach.

We share this beach with our local community, and the wider Auckland community often arrive by the bus load to enjoy the beach. We are occasionally saddened by the rubbish and mess left behind and even more saddened when their actions reflect badly on our club when it is sometimes assumed the rubbish left at the public bins across from the club, have been left there by the club itself.

We will consider using some positive signage to encourage beach users to join us in protecting our beach and to develop a 'leave nothing behind' philosophy to encourage a change in behaviour.

