

# Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report



## Rolex Big Boat Series

September 15 – 19, 2021

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



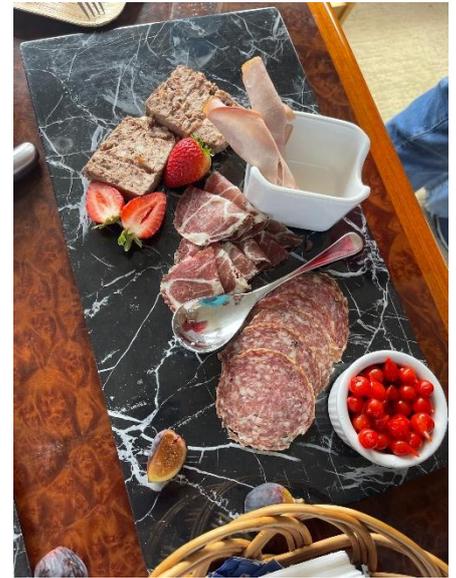
West Marine was our Sustainability Sponsor. They sponsored our two multi-spout water bottle filling stations. StFYC has also upgraded all water fountains in the club to be both fountains + bottle filling stations. Sailors were asked to bring their own reusable water bottles.

## 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws:

Generally, straws were not offered, but if they were available inside the club, they were compostable.



### 3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware:



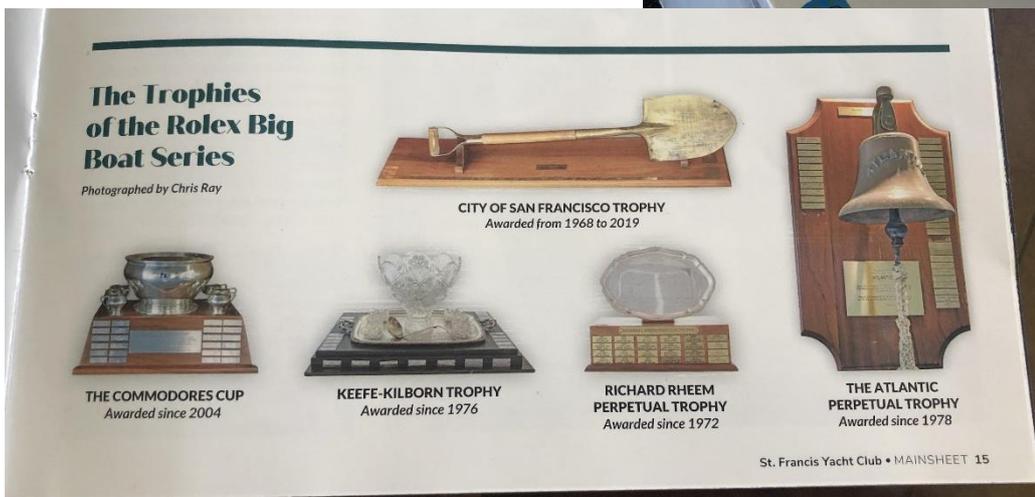
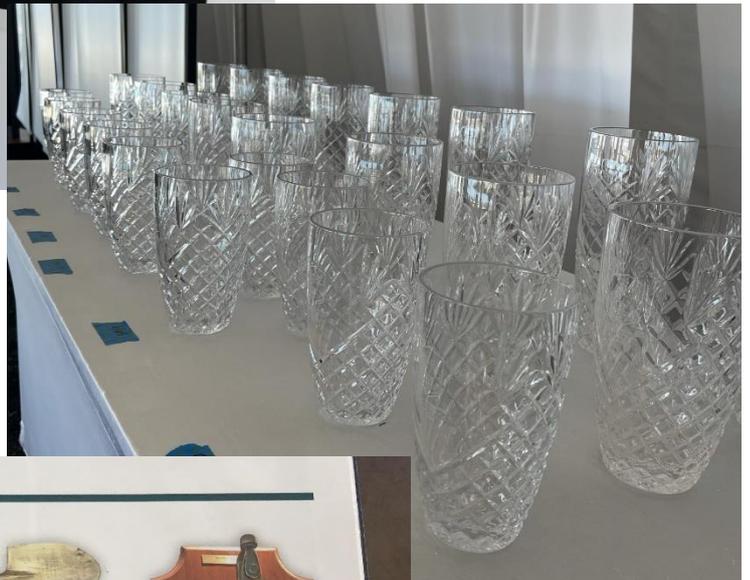
All clubhouse food and beverage were served in/on either washable glasses/plates or compostable ones. US Sailing provided #SailGreen refillable beer cups. We saved approximately 600 compostable single use cups from going in the compost bins. Sailors were also encouraged to bring their cups into the club & to the Mt. Gay Rum party. Dockside beer was served in pitchers after the first day so sailors could use the #SailGreen cups.

#### 4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags:



The skipper bags were fabric duffels. Race Committee take their lunches in large Ziplock bags – they were encouraged to bring their bag back & re-use.

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



Perpetual Trophies and practical items (vases and watches) were awarded.

## 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts:

**Guide to the 2021 ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES**

**BE GREEN**  
The 2021 RBBS is certified as a Platinum Level Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea—its highest distinction, meaning it meets certain sustainability and environmental initiatives. Help by bringing your own water bottle to refill at stations in the Clubhouse and the Regatta Plaza. All Club-provided cups, plates and containers will be biodegradable and all food waste will be composted.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- 85 Boats racing in 2021
- 71.5ft LOA of *Merlin*, biggest boat competing
- 1924 Vintage of oldest entrants, *Brigadoon* and *Hurrica V*
- 9 Racecourses run simultaneously
- 56 Editions of Big Boat racing
- 30 Years of Express 37
- 9 Years of Sustainability Partnership with Sailors for the Sea**
- 18 Years of Partnership with Rolex
- 3 Rolex Submariner Watches to be awarded
- 6 Perpetual Trophies
- 2 PROs fresh off the Tokyo Olympics - Tom Duggan & Jeff Johnson

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Cheers to another great day on the water! Cheers to [Fort Point Beer Company](#) for providing the cold beer for after racing! Cheers to [US Sailing](#) for sending us reusable green cups so we can have a #CleanRegatta too!

We'll be back for the final day of racing tomorrow with the Bay Tour. Don't miss the finishes live from the Race Deck starting at 1445 PDT with Genny Tulloch and Kimball Livingston on our Facebook page.

📸: Sharon Green-Ultimate Sailing



## 2021 Rolex Big Boat Series

J/88 North American Championship  
Express 37 Pacific Coast Championship  
September 15-19, 2021

[Go To Race Web Site](#)

### From the 2021 Rolex Big Boat Series event:

Rolex Big Boat Skippers & Sailors - Planning continues as we prepare for the 2021 Rolex Big Boat Series. We are excited to have you competing & look forward to a safe and fun regatta.

**Sustainability** - We are aiming for the Platinum Level of Clean Regattas again - so we will have water bottle filling stations - please bring your own bottles this year to fill for your boat. Also, please try to minimize trash & recycling as much as possible. Plan on separating your trash from recycling to the correct bins.



Efforts to Be Green and partnership with Sailors for the Sea were put in the Viewer and Visitor Guide in the StFYC magazine and the Guide was distributed to participants. Other materials that mentioned the regatta's green practices included the RBBS Skippers Update on Sept 10. Rolex Big Boat Series' Instagram page had postings about green practices with #CleanRegatta.

## 7. Involve Local Organizations:

### Clean Boating in San Francisco Bay

San Francisco Bay is one of the most scenic places in the country to spend a day out on the water. Before we launch, there are steps we can take to ensure that our boating plans don't negatively impact the Bay. Boats can unintentionally pollute the Bay with small releases of oil, sewage, and cleaning fluids. Busy boatyards can also contribute harmful dust, toxic paint, and chemicals to the water while conducting routine maintenance and repairs. Preventing pollution is a great way to protect the Bay's water quality and wildlife.

Whether you're on a sailboat, a motorboat, or a Dragonboat, you have the opportunity to be a Bay-friendly boater! Here are some tips to help make your boating adventures a little greener:

**Fueling Up**

- Surround the fuel nozzle with an oil absorbent pad to avoid diesel spills into the water. Keep an eye on the fuel level as you fill up, and avoid topping off your tanks.
- Report oil, diesel and chemical spills promptly to the National Response Center: 1-800-424-8802. If you do have an accidental spill, report it immediately so that appropriate steps can be taken to protect the Bay.
- Don't use detergents to dispense diesel or oil spills.

**Pumping Out**

- It is illegal to dump human waste into the Bay and Delta. Empty marine sanitation devices at designated facilities designed to take human waste to sewage treatment plants. For pump-out locations, visit [www.dbo.ca.gov](http://www.dbo.ca.gov) or call 1-800-ASKFISH. Some pump-out services may be able to come to your boat directly.

**Cleaning Up**

- Avoid commercial cleaners that contain phosphates, chlorine, formaldehyde, ammonia, or bleach when cleaning your vessel. Vinegar, baking soda, water, and elbow grease can often get the job done.
- Store all your cleaning products in air-tight containers to prevent spills.

**Repairs and Maintenance**

- Never dump hazardous waste on the ground, down a storm drain, in a trash can, or directly into the Bay.
- Use drip pans, funnels, and absorbent pads to prevent spills during your maintenance work. Used absorbent pads can be disposed of at most pump-out stations.
- Conduct routine engine maintenance and repairs. Replace deteriorating gaskets, lines and hoses immediately to reduce the risk of leaks.
- Dispose of your vessel's hazardous waste at a designated facility. This includes used oils, oil filters, antifreeze, lead batteries, transmission fluids, chemical solvents, cleaning sprays, paints, stains and varnish.
- To find your nearest hazardous waste disposal facility, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) or call 1-800-CLEANUP.

**Hull Painting**

- When re-painting, remove old hull paint under cover and away from the water. Always use a bag attachment for the sander to collect dust.
- Avoid hull paints with Copper, Zinc, Bisphenol-A or other toxins that leach into the water. Look for non-toxic antifouling paints instead.
- Wax fiberglass hulls often to prevent dirt from becoming ingrained. Regular waxing will keep your hull cleaner with less effort (and chemical cleaners).

**Visiting the Boatyard**

- Save your major cleaning and maintenance for when your boat is out of the water - all boat yards should have waste collection and treatment systems.
- Check to see if your boatyard has implemented best practices to protect the Bay from common toxic yard runoff, including flakes of Copper, Lead, and Zinc. Berms and storm drain covers can prevent these materials from reaching the water.

To report pollution in the Bay, call our Pollution Hotline at: 1-800-KEEP BAY or email us at [hotline@baykeeper.org](mailto:hotline@baykeeper.org)

For the past twenty-seven years, we've worked to implement best practices on our boat. We are proud fellow San Francisco Bay Area residents from pollution. To learn more about our efforts to stop pollution, visit [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org).

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### 10 Tips for a Healthy Bay

Small changes in our daily lives can have a big impact on the health of San Francisco Bay. Help prevent sewage spills, reduce storm water pollution, and reduce the flow of toxic chemicals to the Bay by following these basic pollution prevention tips.

**In Your Home**

- Don't pour fats, oils and grease down the drain.** When leftover oil and grease are rinsed down the drain, it can clog sewer pipes and lead to sewage spills in the Bay. Instead, wipe oily pots and pans with a paper towel or put excess grease into a can, and put it in the trash. Take large quantities of oil and grease to a collection site.
- Don't use toxic products in your household.** Limit your purchase and use of products such as cleansers, paints and insecticides that contain hazardous chemicals - these chemicals often end up in creeks, groundwater and the Bay. (Choose non-toxic products or alternatives like vinegar or baking soda. When disposing of toxic products, never pour them down the sink, toilet or storm drain; instead, take them to a hazardous waste disposal facility.)
- Don't put medications down the sink or toilet.** When medications like antibiotics, anti-depressants and birth control pills are flushed down the toilet, they aren't removed by the wastewater treatment process. These pharmaceuticals persist in the environment, altering the natural state of the Bay and endangering aquatic life. Take unused medication to a proper disposal facility.
- Avoid products containing plastic microbeads.** Microbeads are tiny particles of plastic used in facial scrubs, shampoo, and other personal care products. When these products are washed down the drain, microbeads aren't removed by wastewater treatment, so they enter the Bay, harming wildlife. Avoid products containing Polyethylene (PE), Polypropylene (PP), Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET), Polymethyl

**In Your Community**

- Practice Bay-friendly car maintenance.** Don't wash your car in your driveway or street, where harmful chemicals flow into storm drains and end up in the Bay; instead, take your car to a car wash facility where the water is diverted to a wastewater treatment plant. Check your car regularly for leaks - residue from oil and gas leaks will eventually wash into the Bay.
- Don't use pesticides in your yard or garden.** Urban pesticide use is a major source of water pollution that kills fish and aquatic plants and insects. Many weeds and pests are better repelled by physical removal or by beneficial plants and insects that naturally control pest populations.
- Plant a rain garden.** Direct the rainwater from your roof, driveway and walkways to a garden of native, drought-resistant plants. A rain garden absorbs rainwater and breaks down pollutants naturally instead of allowing polluted rainwater to flow to the Bay.
- Urge your city to build Bay-friendly sewage and storm water systems.** Learn more about the sewage and storm water systems where you live, and support funding increases for infrastructure repairs and upgrades. It's important that we invest in maintaining effective storm drains and sewer pipes in order to reduce pollution to the Bay.
- Become a supporter of San Francisco Baykeeper.**

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### 30 YEARS AS THE BAY'S FIERCEST CHAMPION

<b>277</b> LEGAL VICTORIES TO STOP POLLUTERS 1989-2019	<b>300</b> MILES OF SHORELINE ANALYZED FOR SEA LEVEL RISE POLLUTION RISKS 2015	<b>2</b> NEW FACILITIES IN OAKLAND AND VALLEJO CHALLENGED FOR SHIPPING DIRTY COAL 2017-2019	<b>96</b> TONS OF DEBRIS REMOVED TO REOPEN RICHMOND'S PT. RICHARD PARK 2013
<b>75%</b> REDUCTION IN SEWAGE SPILLS FROM 10 CITIES 2004-2019	<b>1</b> ILLEGAL DREDGER CAUGHT AND SENT TO JAIL 1990	<b>\$11 MIL.</b> IN SETTLEMENT FUNDS DIRECTED TO OTHER NONPROFITS THAT RESTORE THE BAY 2004-2019	<b>57</b> TOXIC GHOST FLEET MILITARY VESSELS CLEANED UP FROM THE BAY 2010-2007
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b> LAW IN THE COUNTRY TO RESTRICT AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES POLLUTION 2004	<b>2</b> OIL REFINERIES FORCED TO STOP DUMPING SELENIUM IN THE BAY 1990	<b>14</b> NEW STATE LAWS SECURED TO REDUCE OIL SPILLS AND COAL POLLUTION 2007-2018	<b>15,000</b> HOURS OF BOAT PATROLS TO INVESTIGATE BAY POLLUTION 1988-2019

**INTERNATIONAL OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL**

International Ocean Film Festival and SF BayKeeper had representatives at a table in the dock area to engage with regatta participants about their local efforts. SF BayKeeper had a petition for participants to sign about stopping cities from dumping trash in the Bay as well as other materials on clean boating in SF Bay, 10 Tips for a Healthy Bay, sign-up sheet to learn more about SF Baykeeper, and info on their programs to protect the Bay.

## 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage:

Posted Visitor's Guide and signage on separate recycling, composting and trash bins (see responses to #6 and #11). Posted Notice of Race that specifically addressed trash disposal.

## 9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably:



All fish/shellfish is Monterey Bay Aquarium certified. We served locally-sourced vegetables, meat, seafood and beverages when available.

## 10. Organize a Green Team:



The StFYC Executive Race committee has a Sustainability Subcommittee that worked on green practices for the regatta.

## 11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage:



Maintained separate recycling, composting and trash bins. Composting of all food scraps and compostable goods was done by Recology. Recycling of all bottles, cans, plastic, glass, and cardboard was done by Recology. Notice of Race specifically addressed trash disposal: no alteration of Rule 55 regarding trash disposal from the Racing Rules of Sailing.

## 12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill:



Compostable coffee service, including compostable coffee cups, lids, stirrers, napkins, and grounds; compostable beverage service, including compostable cocktail cups, straws and napkins. All single-use dinnerware is also compostable. Composting of all food scraps and compostable goods was done by Recology. Mt. Gay Rum sponsors the Friday night party, and they used compostable branded cups.

### 13. Use Paperless Event Management:



Using online regatta management software for registration and results reporting. QR codes were used to access results and notices.

### 15. Promote Alternative Transportation:



Safe, secure bike/scooter racks at the club to promote green transportation. Sailors housed near club so could walk to regatta.

## 16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection:



SF BayKeeper distributed information about their efforts to protect the Bay and International Ocean Film Festival distributed information about programs that educate through films on ocean conservation (see response to #7). Miranda Wang, winner of Rolex Award for Enterprise, spoke at owner's dinner about technology used to turn plastic waste into useful raw materials.

## 17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives:



Post sailing appetizers included at least one vegetarian and one additional vegetarian or pescatarian options. All menus included vegetarian and vegan options.

## 18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques



We discontinued bow stickers. Our spectator area is race deck seating. We run racing in view of the club so spectators can watch from shore with finishes at the end of the day in front of the club.

## 19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

Water-only boat washdowns are the only practice that has been used at this club for years. BayKeeper distributed Clean Boating Practices flyer (see response to # 7).

## 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices



**2021 Rolex Big Boat Series J/88 North American Championship Express 37  
Pacific Coast Championship September 15-19, 2021 NOTICE OF RACE-  
INCLUDING AMENDMENTS 1 , 2 & 3**

**15. TRASH DISPOSAL [SP] [NP]**

Boats shall not put trash in the water or litter in any public spaces. Trash may be placed aboard support boats, race committee boats or in an appropriate trash receptacle.

Efficient, up-to-date four-stroke engines on all fuel-efficient RIB regatta support vessels. All anchored boats have engines off. Fuel and pump out facilities are offsite but under California and San Francisco regulations so very safe and prevent spills. BayKeeper distributed Clean Boating Practices flyer (see response to #7). We reminded participants of proper trash disposal in Notice of Race.