

# Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Sustainability Report



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



Hammer nutrition donated these water bottles to each sailor. Part of their SWAG!

## 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws:

The Yacht club where this was hosted has already done away with plastic straws!

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

Unfortunately, the food was served in individual plastic bags but we did give them all to the coaches so the kids would not lose them to the sea if the capsized and potentially releasing plastic bags into the ocean.

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



Every year Dr. Sallapudi Orthodontics donates these drawstring bags to each sailor. These are the bags we used for the sailors SWAG!

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



My mom made all the trophies out of recycled cedar wood from a shed. These are a regatta favorite!

## 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts:

My coach sent emails and NOR to all families of sailors with information on the Clean Regatta. Everyone was thoroughly impressed on how clean and organized we were. The regatta was a huge success!



## 7. Involve Local Organizations:



Unfortunately, I did not get many photos of the sailors at Jetty Jacks for the clean-up, but they are a local eatery on the South Jetty where all of our sailors' families spent the day watching the races. They put on a good spread for our sailors every time.



I also reached out to some companies that I love to get SWAG for the sailors' SWAG bags. Naples Soap company donated Shampoo Bars and Well Earth Goods donated tooth paste bites. I wanted to show these youth sailors that there are alternatives for products in plastic tubing/bottles. The sailors love our SWAG bags and learning about alternatives can go a long way in changing habits. It's a ripple effect. If you can change one person's perspective, it will trickle down and together we can make a big change!

## 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage:

All of our signage was laminated so the sailing club can use them for years to come.

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



Obee's is a local sub shop that donates to the sailing regatta every year. They serve handmade hoagie sandwiches, salads and treats. The Venice Yacht Club provided breakfast of fresh fruits and homemade scones for all the sailors and families.



## 10. Organize a Green Team:



We were so busy I did not get a bunch of pictures. My mentor was Tracy VanGennip, my coach was Coach Kelley, my mom, dad, brother, sister, and a few sailor friends all took part in helping me with this Clean Regatta!



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



I placed 4 recycle bins around the club property that my mom and dad monitored while I was on the water as a support boat/coach. All bins were checked regularly and had reusable signage clearly stating what to recycle.



## 12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill:

We did not get any photos as Tracy took all the leftover food to a local homeless shelter.

## 13. Use Paperless Event Management:



My mom was the score person using Regatta Network for the race. She did not think to take pictures of that but we had information posted on the whiteboard with charts of the courses laminated. These were charts used in years past!

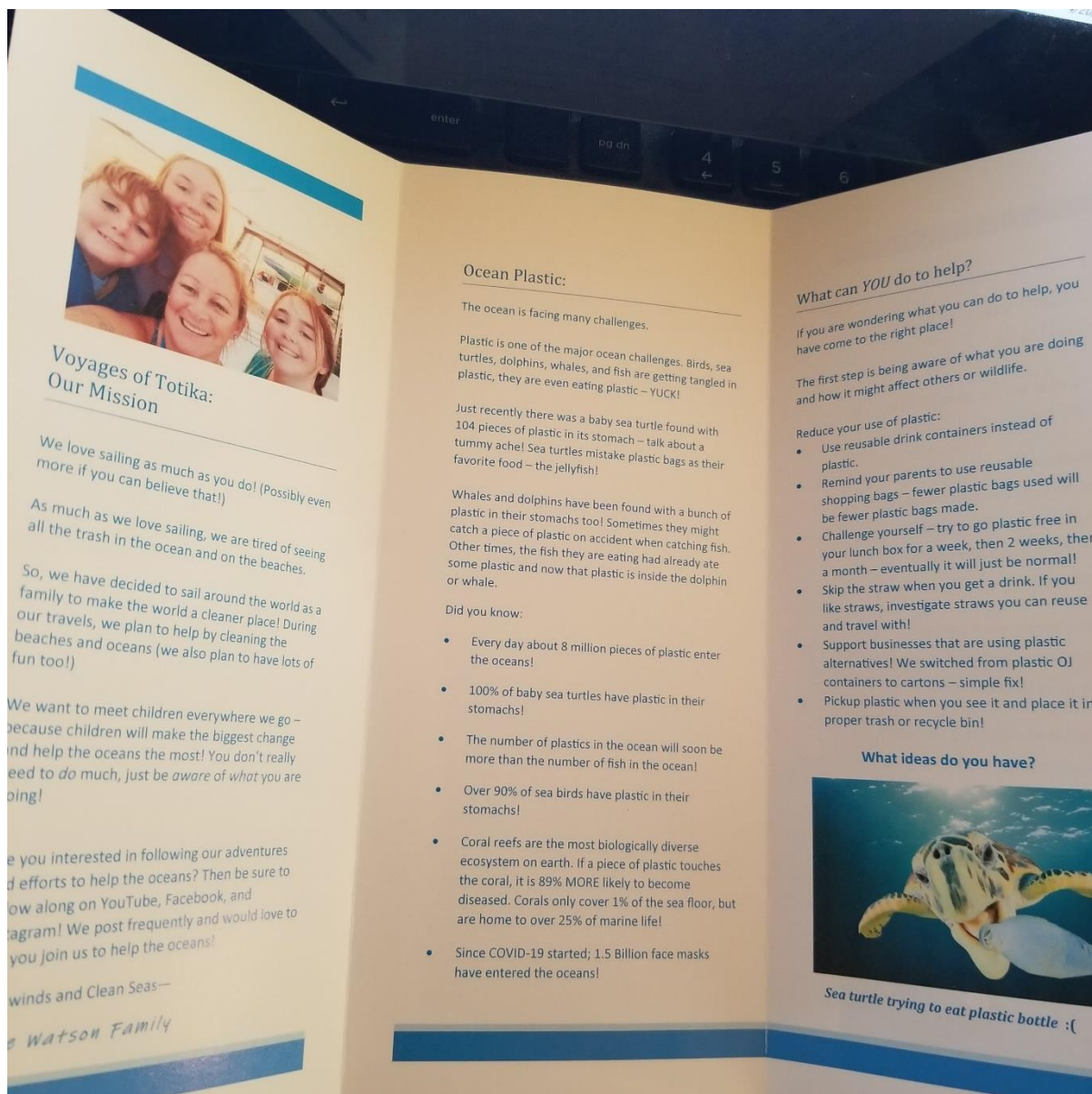
## 14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up:



I hosted a beach clean-up on South Jetty the morning after. This was the spot most of the families went to watch the races and where Jetty Jacks is located. We did tally all our findings through Clean Swell. The most common item we found was cigarette butts totaling in at 363 butts! The sailors came up with a great slogan "BUTTS STINK!"



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



My family is getting ready to embark on a journey of promoting awareness of ocean pollution and the plastic issues we have in our oceans today. My dad made an educational flyer for each sailor about the wildlife and what we, as sailors, can do to protect it. These went into each SWAG bag. We are Voyages of Totika!

## 18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques

Each sailor had to bring their own sails and upon check-in we verified their sail number therefore eliminating the bow sticker distribution. We also gave all coaches the lunch sacks so if the sailor capsized they would not lose their lunch, for one, but also the sack would not be lost in the sea.

## 19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water



Only one water washdown station and signage to remind them to use water only in our marina.

## 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices

We provided each coach boat with a small trash bag and a recycle bag so it would not end up in the bottom of the boat and potentially flying out underway. All committee boats had to anchor in place and were told to shut down the engines. We also had 1 support boat to bounce around between committee and coach boats to lend a hand.