

# CLEAN REGATTAS

Join the race to restore ocean health!



Build  
Community

Educate  
Participants

Foster  
Environmental  
Stewardship

Take Action to  
Protect What  
You Love!

Clean Regattas is the world's **leading sustainability certification** for all on-the-water, near-the-water, and water-loving events. Since the program's inception in 2006, over **3,400 events** have shown their commitments to sustainability by hosting Clean Regattas. This program has reached nearly **850,000 sailors and attendees** in **53 countries**. Clean Regattas is a **free, self-assessment tool** with powerful resources and support that awards certification levels from Participant to Platinum.

## THE BEST PART ABOUT HOSTING A CLEAN REGATTA IS:

### EDUCATING PARTICIPANTS

*"[Hosting a Clean Regatta allowed us] the opportunity to educate board members, the race committee, and volunteers about sustainability, and [we saw] people's attitudes change in real time!"*

### CREATING LASTING CHANGE

*"The activities have become part of the way we think and act on a regular basis, and each year we look for new and additional things we can do."*

### THE ADDED PROMOTIONAL VALUE

*"It was well-received by our sponsors, who like being associated with a sustainable event."*

### HAVING A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

*"We had a successful regatta and were able to eliminate so many unnecessary things... and we didn't miss them at all. It was very satisfying to have one tiny bag of trash at the end and not see any litter during the event."*

### INVOLVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

*"We partnered with community organizations and businesses that would not normally be involved with the regatta or sailing in general."*

### FOSTERING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

*"[A Clean Regatta] empowers and encourages all who participate to advocate for a cleaner ocean. Both junior and senior participants have a common cause."*

## THE REVIEWS ARE IN!

94%

of organizers would rate their experience with the Clean Regattas Program as at least **4 out of 5 stars.**



4.6 Star Average Rating

## 20 BEST PRACTICES TO MAKE YOUR EVENT MORE SUSTAINABLE

### RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Organize a Green Team
- Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage
- Divert Food Waste from the Landfill
- Use Paperless Event Management

### GREEN BOATING

- Use Eco-Smart Management Techniques
- Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water
- Encourage Green Boating Practices

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts
- Involve Local Organizations
- Post Educational and Reusable Signage
- Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up
- Promote Alternative Transportation
- Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

### ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS

- Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations
- Eliminate Plastic Straws
- Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware
- Skip Bags or Go Reusable
- Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy



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