

Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report



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New York Yacht Club's central tenet of its Mission Statement affirms the Club's commitment: To sustain a leadership role in yachting, its history, its development, the preservation of its traditions and the furtherance of good seamanship. In keeping with this mission, New York Yacht Club recognizes its responsibility to be a leader in environmental sustainability. The Club aims to be a model of environmental sustainability for the yachting community, demonstrating best practices and innovation through environmentally conscious leadership, collaboration, and operations.



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One way we implement this continued commitment to sustainability is through working with Sailors for the Sea to host Clean Regattas. The 2025 Team Race World Championship brought together 12 teams from nine countries for five days of competitive racing, camaraderie, idea sharing, centering sustainability and what we can do as individuals and the collective to gain momentum and further this commitment.



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ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

In 2016, the New York Yacht Club eliminated single-use items throughout the clubhouses, sailing center, and waterfront. This includes, but is not limited to water bottles, plastic bags, plastic straws and cocktail stirrers, toiletries in guest rooms and the competitors' showers in the sailing center. Additionally, all take-out to-go containers, flatware and napkins are plastic free and compostable.



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ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

Instead of single-use plastic water bottles, we have installed water bottle filling stations on the dock, at the boathouse, and in the clubhouses. For all team race events hosted by the club, including this one, the Race Committee boats also have large, refillable jugs with “dolphin pumps” for competitors to refill water bottles throughout the day.

This information is communicated to competitors through the Notice of Race, the regatta-specific website, and during daily competitor briefings.

Reusable and recyclable aluminum cups have replaced single-use plastic cups for outdoor events and are available at the indoor water stations. In the guest rooms, single-use plastic water bottles have been replaced with filtered water in glass carafes and glasses.



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ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

In addition to eliminating single-use plastic straws, the New York Yacht Club continues to prioritize reducing overall waste. Compostable straws are provided upon request but are no longer the default in every drink. These straws are then disposed of as compostable materials.

All single use plastic cups have been eliminated from use, including at regattas such as this one. Instead, they have been replaced with reusable and recyclable aluminum cups. These are used for all regatta parties, outdoor events, and at the water bottle filling stations if needed.



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ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

All regatta dinners, parties, and related events were served on plastic-free dinnerware. All dinners were served on real plates with metal silverware, glass or metal glasses and cloth or compostable napkins.



Any single use containers, such as coffee cups, to-go containers, cocktail napkins, etc. are all compostable and diverted to that stream. The Green Team and event personnel engaged with competitors to encourage proper disposal of specific items and to provide information regarding the club's overall approach to sustainability and the specifics of this regatta.



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ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

NYYC has eliminated single-use plastic bags entirely, including from regatta lunches, to-go food purchases and in-person club store purchases. Reusable lunch bags are used for the Race Committee and competitors are encouraged to bring their own bags because plastic ones will not be provided. For the Team Race Worlds, competitors were provided with a broad selection of sandwiches and snacks, including vegan and vegetarian options prepared on site. The sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper, and all other packaging was recyclable or compostable. If competitors purchased to-go food or items from the club store, they were given the option of no bag or sturdy, re-useable brown paper bag. Bags are no longer given by default.



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ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE ITEMS

As with all New York Yacht Club regattas, the trophies presented are all functional. For this regatta, a functional glass trophy was awarded to the top three teams along with bags and medals. Each team took home keepsake frame with a print from the regatta.



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Information about no single-use plastic water bottles and other sustainability information are published in the Notice of Race, as well as other regatta specific communications that go out to the competitors, such as the WhatsApp thread and regatta website. Additionally, NYYC's sustainability initiatives were highlighted at the daily Competitor Meetings (at right).

This regatta was publicized to NYYC members as being a Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta. In conjunction with this event, Sailors for the Sea founder, David Rockefeller, was the keynote speaker at a club wide event on the opening night of the regatta. He spoke on a wide range of topics encompassing the health of our oceans, coastal ecosystems, and marine habitats, and overfishing, as well as highlighting NYYC's efforts and encouraging everyone to get more involved.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A local composting company collects all of our compostable materials; any excess soil generated by our composting efforts go to local farms and gardens for their benefit. All regatta events had clearly delineated bins for compost, recycling, and garbage. The green team was instrumental in directing competitors to use the correct bins.

We also work with local fishermen and farmers to source fish and produce for our food and beverage offerings. For this event, this included regionally and locally sourced lobsters, and locally sourced produce, dairy, and breads.

The Club works with Newport's Tree Warden and the Newport Tree Conservancy to develop a succession plan for the trees on property and to replace trees that have been lost due to storms or age. The current replacement rate for lost trees is 2:1. The club also provides seeds and cuttings of rare, local plants and tree species to other organizations to help sustain the species.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

For this regatta, the Club provided additional bins for compost, recycling and garbage at gathering locations, such as the docks, the sailing center and regatta parties. Clear signage demarked the different waste streams to help sailors, regatta officials and members quickly and accurately determine whether something should be composted, recycled or become garbage. Much of this signage is permanently in-place throughout the club house and grounds designating individual bins for compost, recycling, and garbage that cannot be diverted from traditional waste stream.



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NYYC works with local fishermen, farmers, bakers and florists to source fish, produce, breads, and flowers to complement what is produced in-house for our food and beverage offerings. NYYC has an herb garden, greenhouse and flower cutting garden on site to grow many of the herbs for the dining room and cocktails as well as the flowers for table-scapes. The locally sourced offerings for this regatta included lobster, potatoes, herbs, produce for the salads, as well as mint and other herbs for cocktails.

Additionally, in support of their mission and sustainability approach, NYYC serves Maine Brewing Company beer on tap throughout the season.



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RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

This event had a Green Team available for the duration of the regatta to help answer any questions and to direct people as needed. This was critical to the success of our composting and recycling program. The Green Team was also engaged prior to the start of the regatta to ensure that all needed signage, bins, and materials were in place, such as additional dockside recycling bins. This team also helped communicate sustainability efforts via regatta communications, social media posts and internal club publications. The Green Team worked with the event organizers to minimize the number of gas-powered boats on the racecourse.

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RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

In addition to the usual placement and use of waste bins with accurate signage, for this regatta, additional bins for compost, recycling, and garbage were placed at key locations, such as the docks, the sailing center and regatta tent. The increase in these easily accessible bins for all waste streams to help avoid complacency and increase accuracy.



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RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Composting began at NYYC in 2018. We work with a local vendor, Remix Organics to divert all food scraps, paper goods, compostable flatware, coffee cups, etc. to the compost waste stream. All pre and post-consumer food waste included. For this regatta, composting bins, complete with signage and staffed by a member of the green team were provided for the daily lawn parties held immediately following the conclusion of racing.



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**RESPONSIBLE WASTE
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For the Team Race Worlds, all communications to competitors, race officials and volunteers are sent electronically, via email, WhatsApp, and the regatta-specific website. Rotation sheets and the leaderboard were continually updated and available electronically to all regatta participants

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

For this regatta our Green Team worked with club staff and regatta participants to ensure that the beach and grounds were continually cleaned. Regatta participants were encouraged to abide by the principles of the “leave no trace” ethos. In addition, the New York Yacht Club worked with other local organizations to increase participation in existing beach clean up events as to not burden the available pool of volunteers with competing events.



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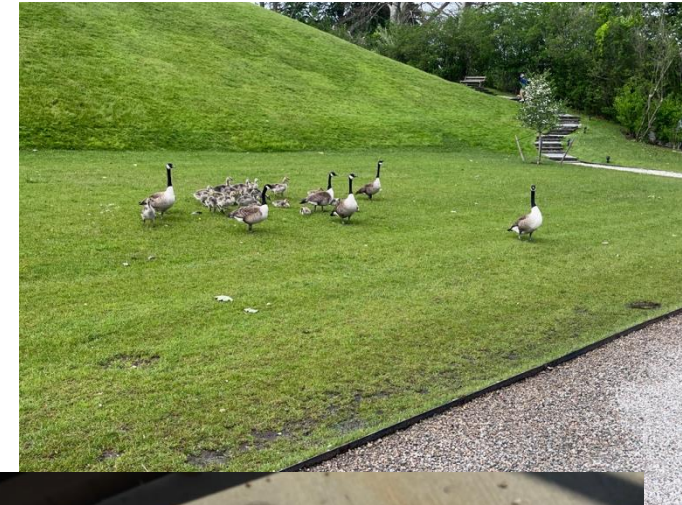
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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Fueling for all regatta-related equipment takes place off-site. NYYC staff fuels and pumps out all boats for every regatta. They employ industry best practices, thereby minimizing the chance of spills and contamination. There are fuel spill response kits readily available on the dock and on all boats used for this regatta in case of any emergency. In addition to the specific regatta fuel and biological waste, spill precautions, NYYC has eliminated the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers on the lawn and gardens preventing toxic runoff from reaching the water.



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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The New York Yacht Club is committed to the preservation of local ecology and decreasing our carbon footprint. Rain gardens provide a natural water runoff reduction system, slow erosion and provide habitats for local flora and fauna. The newly constructed docks and waterfront are designed to account for rising sea levels, and more intense storms to reduce damage, prevent pollution and safeguard facilities and marine habitats.

For this regatta, during the daily competitors briefing, participants were reminded that if wildlife is spotted on the racecourse, the Race Committee would alert participants and, if needed, provide directions for keeping the wildlife safe. Participants are also encouraged to communicate any wildlife they spot.



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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Vegetarian and vegan options were made available for all regatta meals and events. This includes breakfast offerings in the dining room and the grab and go café, lunches and all regatta parties and dinners.

Participants were encouraged by their fellow competitors to try both local delicacies (whole, steamed lobsters) and the vegetarian and vegan options.

On an increasing basis, we are working with local producers and purveyors to provide locally sourced produce, meat, dairy, and seafood not only for regattas, but throughout the year.



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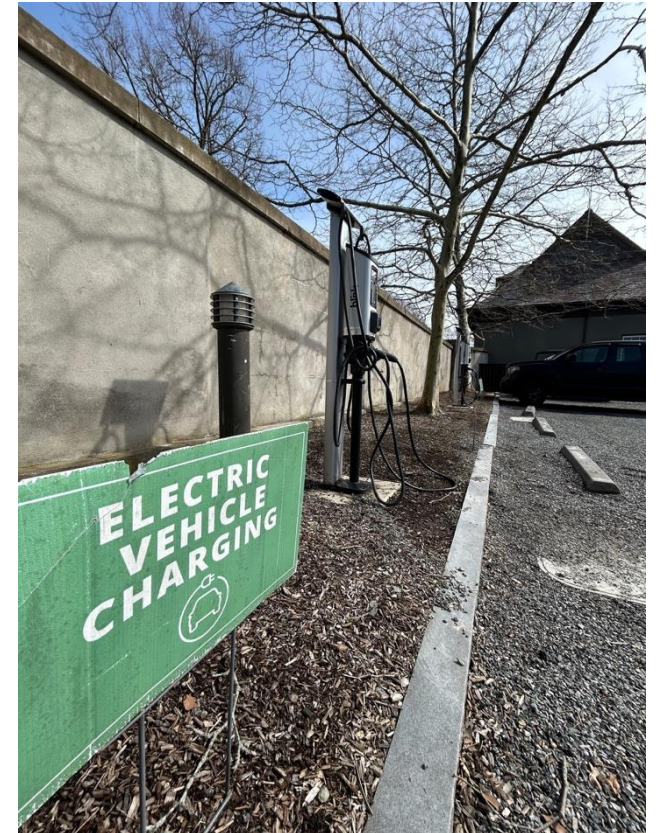


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CLIMATE AWARENESS

The New York Yacht Club has four easy-to-access EV car charging stations. This information was conveyed to regatta participants via electronic communication. There are also bike racks on the property to help encourage alternatives transportation.

For this regatta, the Club provided housing for the judges and umpires and helped coordinate travel for regatta participants, which minimized the need for fossil-fuel-powered transportation. Keeping all regatta boats—Sonars and support boats—on the yacht club dock for the duration of the regatta reduced the need for transportation to an offsite marine either by car or boat shuttle. Onsite shower and changing facilities for all regatta participants reduced the need for competitors to return to their lodging between sailing and evening social activities.



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CLIMATE AWARENESS

MarkSetBots were used for all regattas in 2025, including the Team Race Worlds. This reduced the number of RIBs needed on the racecourse. The consumption of fossil fuels was further reduced by anchoring the change boat and doing all scoring and communications to the team electrically via the regatta website and WhatsApp channels, eliminating multiple daily trips from the race course to the sailing office.

The Sonars used for this event are have fixed numbers and color-coded sails eliminating the need for bow stickers or any other one-time use identification.



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CLIMATE AWARENESS

The feedback we received from competitors during the event was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. As part of ongoing sustainability efforts, NYYC has been collaborating, exchanging ideas and best practices with several international yacht clubs. This regatta has expanded both the volume and the scope of these collaboration as many other clubs expressed interest in being part of this ongoing discussion.

The club night with David Rockefeller, brought together a diverse crowd, resulting in lively discussions and creating opportunities to increase sustainability for both NYYC and the other participating yacht clubs. a spark for a lot of people, encouraging them to see oceans and coastal habitats through a new light.

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CLIMATE AWARENESS

During this regatta, NYYC shared with participants additional pathways to include sustainability practices, not just for specific regatta such as this, but throughout the clubhouses and across the sailing season. These include incorporating sustainability into capital improvement projects from the beginning, working with sponsors and vendors that have strong sustainability components built into their business practices, reducing fuel consumption through the increased use of MarkSetBots, decreased use of RIBs and coordinating launch trips

For example, during the construction of the new dock and waterfront area NYYC created the infrastructure to install marine charging stations for electric boats as that technology develops



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