

# Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report

## Bay of Islands Sailing Week

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

Each year we have a water refilling station, where people can fill up their bottles with filtered water for free.



## 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

We don't have signs that indicate this, but Bay of Islands Sailing Week doesn't provide plastic straws or any kind of straws in our bar.



## 3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

All our food vendors were serving their food in cardboard boxes or serviettes and used bamboo cutlery that can be hot-composted. If plastic containers were used for sauces, they were number 1 plastic, that can be recycled when cleaned. Bar was using number 1 plastic cups donated by Northland Cleaning Supplier and we encouraged sailors to reuse them as much as possible and then recycle. We would also, where possible, encourage people to use original drink cans and bottles, instead of using cups.

## 4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags

Our long term sponsor and supporter Gurit provided water-proof reusable bags for our registration to give out to participants.





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

All our trophies were made from upcycled wood by a local company. We always provide practical items or gift-vouchers for services as spot prizes, to ensure they get used accordingly instead of ending up in a landfill. Some examples: hats, Sol and Sea sunscreen (eco friendly), t-shirts, torches, olive oil, reusable water bottles, dry bags, haul out services, fenders etc.



## 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

Throughout the event we share our passion and efforts for sustainability and encourage all the participants and volunteers to take part in conscious choices. **On our website**, people can read our



clean regatta goals as well as how they can help us to be a sustainable event. As well as we proudly display the certificates at our event race hut.

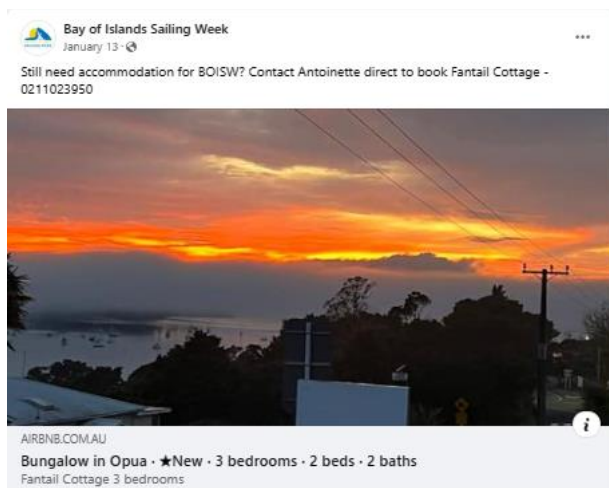


## 7. Involve Local Organizations

Our event always involve as many local businesses as possible, because we all share love for our beautiful Bay of Islands. Just to mention few of them:

- We have help from our local Resilient Russell team to manage recycling and compostable items.
- Our trophies are made by a local company Romeyn Woodcrafts, that uses recycled wood.
- The official range of Bay of Islands Sailing Week gear provided and sold by DD Gold from Kerikeri.
- Opua General store provides lunches to racers and volunteers.
- Food vendors from Opua, Pahiha and Kerikeri were providing meals each day.
- Our volunteers and sailors stay in local accommodation across Russell, Opua and Paihia, as well as use local tourism operators.
- Security, event gear hire, sound and light provider, music bands, waste refusal and portaloos emptying is done by/from the Bay of Islands companies.





## 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage

All our signs are laminated and reused every year, unless they have been damaged and need replacing. This year we had a new venue, which meant some signage had to be replaced, but most of it was still usable even in the new venue as we have made them universal (without year and location on them).

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

Our food vendors were local caterers from Opua, Paihia and Kerikeri: 2BrokeGurlz Catering, Archies Burgers, Ze Foodies, Betty's Coffee, It's Just A Donut and Bay of Islands Yacht Club with their fundraiser breakfast bacon butties for their youth sailing program.

Bay of Islands Sailing Week  
January 24 - 26

\*\*\* FOOD OPTIONS \*\*\* This year we've got loads of different food options for you at our awesome new venue!

2BrokeGurlz Catering will be serving up Quesadillas and Chilli Bowls in meat or vegetarian options. Plus \$22 Hangi on Friday - pre book tonight or Thursday!

Archies Burgers have got ... you guessed it - burgers!!! Lots of different options so top by their stall and check out the menu.

Ze Foodies are the ones to see for all you Karaage Chicken lovers. Served with rice, pickled veg, teryaki sauce and kewpie mayo, it's just so, so good.



### 10. Organize a Green Team

We had a great volunteer team from Resilient Russell that worked as waste management & recycling ambassadors for the 2024 BOI Sailing week. Each evening they were monitoring all of our 4 recycling station helping sailors to locate waste in the right bins.





## 11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

We had in total 4 recycling/waste stations, that included – general waste, organic (compostable) waste, commingled, green glass, brown glass and clear glass bins. Some of them had EcoSolutions lids for ease of use and signage that indicated what is supposed to be thrown in each bin. Signs were reused from previous years and other events.



## 12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

In our waste/recycling stations we had a dedicated bin for organics – all the bamboo cutlery, cardboard plates, paper serviettes and food waste. After the event Resilient Russell team collected all organic waste and it was hot-composted in their facilities in Russell.

Here is the waste audit from your event held in Opua between 23 - 26 January.

The quantities are measured from the 240 litre wheelie bins they were collected in except for the cardboard which was collected in a 3m3 (3000 litre) bin.

General Waste	1045 litres
Cardboard	2550 litres
Co-mingled recycling	1760 litres
Clear glass	820 litres
Green glass	550 litres
Brown Glass	110 litres
<b>Compostables</b>	<b>1130 litres</b>

Total volume in 2024 = 7,965 litres

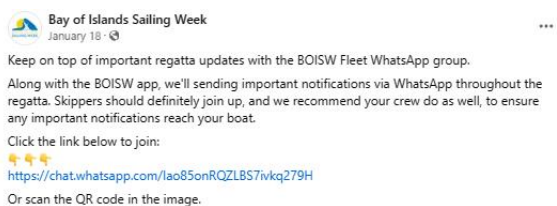
**Diverted from landfill = 6,920 litres**

Diverted from landfill = 86.9%

The amount diverted from landfill is 6,920 litres or 6.92 cubic metres or the equivalent of 6,920 one litre plastic bottles.

## 13. Use Paperless Event Management

We have gone away from printing sailing instructions ([Sailing Instructions - Bay of Islands Sailing Week](#)) for the sailors and have them available online. As sometimes last minute changes are required, it makes it also more efficient and sustainable to do the updates, without re-printing hundreds of booklets. We use our own Bay of Islands Sailing Week App, and for communication we use WhatsApp Groups for the committee, sailors and volunteers. Any paper from office waste after/during the event was recycled or put in compostables as per Resilient Russell instructions.



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## Sailing Instructions

**Sailing Instructions** for the 2024 Regatta are available now.

We strongly recommend you get the **BOISW App** to view them on your mobile device wherever you are – even without cellphone service – and for important updates via push notifications during the regatta. We also recommend you join the **BOISW Fleet WhatsApp group**.

**Sailing Instructions amended 19 January 2024 1330hrs**

[Download the amended 2024 Sailing Instructions here](#)

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

In 2023, before the regatta itself, we teamed up with local enthusiasts (project Ocean Mind and EcoHive) who do regular monthly beach clean ups in Paihia and organized a Bay Wide Rubbish Blitz across the Bay of Islands – Paihia, Opua, Okiato and Russell. This was supported by SeaCleaners, who picked up all the rubbish and disposed it accordingly and Northland Waste which provided us with rubbish bags. Local cafés were supporting the event by providing free coffee for all the volunteers involved in the cleanup, as well as providing spot prizes. On our social media we encouraged our followers to participate in the blitz even if they weren't in the area and send us pictures with their finds to win spot prizes. Lot of different and unexpected waste was found during the cleanup. The blitz was great success, and we are intending to make it a tradition each year before the event.



**Bay of Islands Sailing Week**  
November 23, 2023

As part of our commitment to running a Clean Regatta, we've partnered with Ocean Mind Project for a Bay-Wide Beach Clean on 10 December.

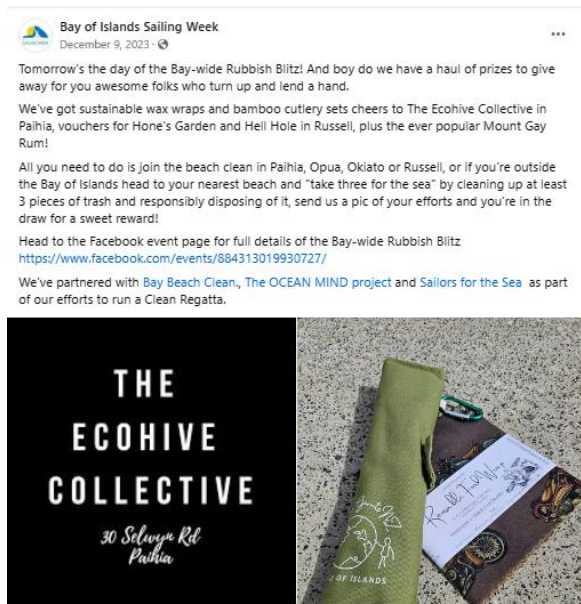
We'd love it if anyone in the BOI could come along and help keep our beautiful beaches free from rubbish. We also know a lot of you are in Auckland or further afield, so if you can't make it in person, we'd encourage you to 'take three for the sea' wherever you are on the day - simply pick up 3 bits of plastic or rubbish from a beach or waterway near you, dispose of it responsibly in the nearest rubbish bin, and you'll be making a welcome contribution to the health of our oceans.

Even better - send us a pic of your cleanup and we'll rustle up some spot prizes and run a draw for those taking part!

**BAY-WIDE RUBBISH BLITZ**  
Russell | Opua | Waitangi & Paihia  
**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 9-11AM**

Join us for:  
KARMA POINTS | GREAT COMPANY | SPOT PRIZES

Organized by:  
Bay of Islands Sailing Week  
Bay Beach Clean  
Supported by:  
EcoHive  
Sea Cleaners



**Bay of Islands Sailing Week**  
December 9, 2023

Tomorrow's the day of the Bay-wide Rubbish Blitz! And boy do we have a haul of prizes to give away for you awesome folks who turn up and lend a hand.

We've got sustainable wax wraps and bamboo cutlery sets cheers to The Ecohive Collective in Paihia, vouchers for Hone's Garden and Hell Hole in Russell, plus the ever popular Mount Gay Rum!

All you need to do is join the beach clean in Paihia, Opua, Okiato or Russell, or if you're outside the Bay of Islands head to your nearest beach and "take three for the sea" by cleaning up at least 3 pieces of trash and responsibly disposing of it, send us a pic of your efforts and you're in the draw for a sweet reward!

Head to the Facebook event page for full details of the Bay-wide Rubbish Blitz  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/884313019930727/>

We've partnered with Bay Beach Clean, The OCEAN MIND project and Sailors for the Sea as part of our efforts to run a Clean Regatta.

**THE ECOHIVE COLLECTIVE**  
30 Selwyn Rd  
Paihia

**Bay of Islands Sailing Week**



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**Bay of Islands Sailing Week**  
December 14, 2023

The beaches of the Bay of Islands are a lot cleaner after Sunday's Bay-wide Rubbish Blitz! Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who helped with this event, our beautiful beaches are now free from:

- ✗ Bottles & cans
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Vacuum cleaner waste
- ✗ Tyres
- ✗ Undies
- ✗ Old lifejackets
- ✗ A fridge full of stinky bait
- ✗ A truckload of oyster baskets

Big thanks to Sea Cleaners and Northland Waste for their support, and to all the local businesses who rewarded our amazing volunteers - Letz Cafe, Marina Cafe Opua, Butterfish, Hell Hole, Hones Garden, Little Giants Eco Shop and Ecohive Collective.

This event was a collaboration between Bay Beach Clean, The OCEAN MIND project and Bay of Islands Sailing Week.



## BAY-WIDE RUBBISH BLITZ

Russell | Opua | Okiato | Waitangi & Paihia

Scan the QR code for more details and meeting point locations

**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 9-11AM**

Bags and high vis provided. Good to bring: gloves, water bottle, snacks, sun protection.



Join us for:  
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Organized by:  Bay Beach CLEAN  SAILING WEEK


Supported by:  SEA CLEANERS  ECOHIVE

## 15. Promote Alternative Transportation

We encourage people to carpool to the Marina or walk/bike if they are staying close enough as it helps alleviate the parking problems in Opua too. During the event a shuttle taxi was provided by a local company Haruru Cabs for the afternoons from 4pm to 10pm, for special - \$15 return ticket between Opua and Paihia.

**Bay of Islands Sailing Week**  
January 23

Remember we have moved! You'll find us in a new location this year, at the southern end of the Bay of Islands Marina in Opua. Please also try to car pool or use alternative transport wherever possible, as parking in Opua is very limited!




**Bay of Islands Sailing Week**  
January 23

Great news! We have secured a special rate on a shuttle taxi service between Opua and Paihia for all you sailors who like to partake in a couple of adult beverages after racing!

The cost is just \$15 for a return trip between Opua Marina Building and Paihia Wharf Building, between 5pm and 10.30pm daily. Minimum of 6 and max 12 people per trip. Cash and Eftpos accepted.

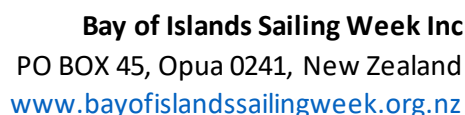
Call Jeremy on 027 487 5032 to request a ride - save his number in your phone now so you don't forget!



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### 18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques

All race management is via the website/app, so notices are posted as push notifications and web posts during the event, instead of printing it out to all the sailors (screenshot of push notifications on app attached). We were using WhatsApp group for committee boats to communicate results back to regatta HQ. As well as race officers were emailing the results to [results@bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz](mailto:results@bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz) for the Results person to manage.



### 19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

We advise all competitors about marine discharge rules and pump out facilities, and specifically prohibit the use of ties & bands for spinnakers in our sailing instructions, as well as ask to retain all rubbish until sailors return to shore (and use Marina waste stations instead of event venue stations), and keep absorbent oil spill pads handy when refuelling.

### 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices

We encourage sailors to follow green boating practices by:

- Minimizing their on-board waste
- Refill their water bottles for FREE at our water refilling station
- Separating recyclables, compostables and general waste



- Not discharging any waste into the ocean.
- Downloading the BOISW App to access the Sailing Instructions.

We do this by having it on our website, communicating via emails and across social media. As well as we advise all competitors about the clean hull requirements they need to comply with to attend the regatta, i.e. proof of recent antifoul or lift & scrub, as per local authority requirements.

## 21. Bonus Opportunities

- We are lucky to have great sponsors, like New World Kerikeri, who supplied fresh fruit for our volunteers.
- New World Kerikeri and Roadrunner Tavern in Opua supplied our bar with drinks and both were happy to take back unused/unopened bottles, that way limiting waste.
- We have started conversations on having reusable cups for next regatta and have washing station available from EcoSolutions.
- We advised our followers on social media on Rubbish Barge that will operate in Bay of Islands over summer.