



## Sailors for the Sea, Clean Regatta Sustainability Report

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### *Mussanah Race Week*

*15th– 21st October 2025 - Sultanate of Oman*



# WHO WE ARE



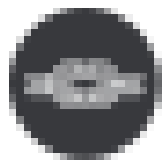
## Our Vision

Create monumental experiences powered by the sea, so that together we inspire excellence and contribute to the sustainable prosperity of the nation.

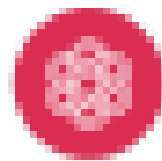
## Our Mission

Deliver the assigned mission to rekindle Oman's maritime eminence, promote the Sultanate around the world through sailing and provide long-term learning opportunities for the youth.

## Our Values:



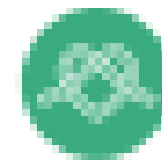
التميز  
EXCELLENCE



روح الفريق  
TEAM SPIRIT



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COMMITMENT



الثقة  
TRUST

**Total Employees:** 166 (37 Female / 129 Male)

# OMAN SAIL & SUSTAINABILITY



**The Sultanate of Oman's beautiful natural landscape is the foundation on which all Oman Sail activities take place.**

Oman Sail and its brand SeaOman works closely with stakeholders in order to minimise where possible its carbon footprint and ensure the environmental health of the nation is embedded in daily operations and every event we deliver.

**For the delivery of this event, Oman Sail can showcase how it is contributing to:**

**1**

**World Sailing  
Sustainability Agenda  
2030**

**2**

**International  
Olympic Committee's  
Sustainability Strategy**

**3**

**United Nations (UN) 2030  
Agenda for Sustainable  
Development**

**4**

**ISO 20121 guidelines:  
A specification for  
sustainable events**

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**Oman's Vision 2040 -  
environmental national  
priority (1 of 12)**

# OVERVIEW OF 2025 MUSSANAH RACE WEEK



**Dates:** 15 - 21 October 2025

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**Edition** of Mussanah Race Week (MRW)



**Participants:** 121 includes Sailors & 9 Coaches



**Nationalities:** 8 (Oman, UAE, Kuwait, China, India, KSA, Singapore & Macau)



**Boat Classes:** Optimist, ILCA (4,6,7), Hansa 303



## **Event Location:**

Barceló Mussanah Resort  
(approx. 100km north of Muscat International Airport)

- Location of one of Oman Sail's three Sailing Schools, an **Asian** Sailing Federation (ASAF) Category A High Performance **Centre and** base for our National Sailing Teams.
- Oman Sail manages the marina facilities, offering 54 quality berths, dockside support and first-class facilities including boat cleaning and assistance upon arrival.
- Accommodation for competitors, coaches, officials and other staff involved in the regatta.
- Restaurant and recreation facilities.
- Media Centre with special conference facilities, studios, internet facilities, etc.
- Ample storage space/areas for competitors, coaches and equipment providers.
- Fully staffed workshop with facilities for sanding, spray, fiberglass and engine repairs.

# ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS



**1**

**Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations**

**2**

**Eliminate Plastic Straws**

**3**

**Skip Bags or Go Reusable**

**4**

**Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware**

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**Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy**

# ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

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

**Achieved:** During MRW registration, all sailors and coaches were issued a branded MRW reusable drinking water bottles.

Oman Sail partnered with local water supply **Tanuf**.

We had **4 water refilling stations**, where participants could refill their bottles for free. In total, during the event we used **60** 5-gallon water bottles.

A 5-gallon water bottle with water dispensers were distributed to staff to use on the Race Committee and Coach boats, so sailors and staff could refill their bottles whilst out on the water, if needed.





# ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS



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## Eliminate Plastic Straws

**Not Fully Achieved:** Within the actual event, straws were used during the event due to ViK juice boxes provided by the sponsor (Mazoon).

Barceló Mussanah Resort, the venue of the event, across its food and drink facilities only provided 100% biodegrade straws, made from sugarcane.



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## Skip Bags or Go Reusable

**Achieved:** No bags were issued.

# ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS



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### Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

**Achieved:** lunches were provided by:

- **Mahfodh Modern Restaurant** – For Sailors and Coaches, that used paper and cardboard packaging and in addition wooden knives and forks.

Dinners and Breakfasts were provided by:

- **Barceló Mussanah Resort** - For those who stayed at the hotel during the period of the event, using reusable plates and stainless-steel cutlery, ensuring minimal waste throughout the event.





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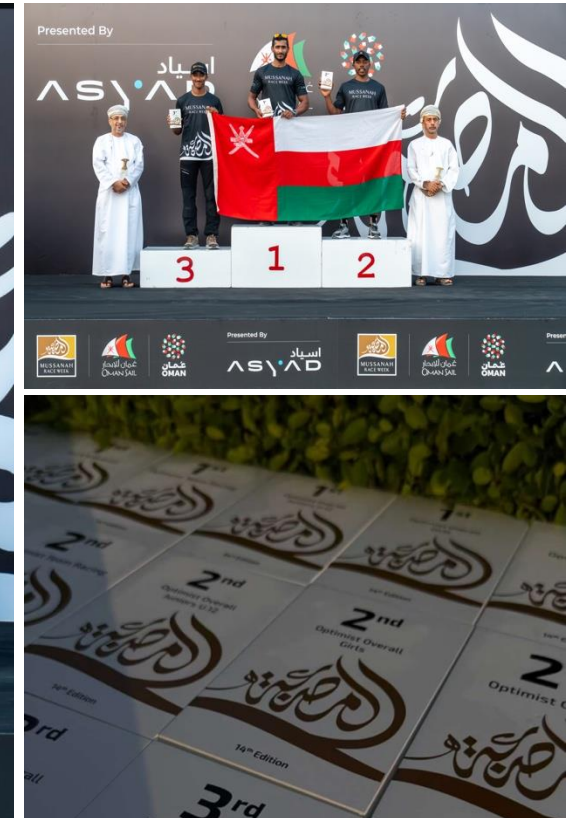


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## Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

**Achieved:** All our trophies and the gift for the Guest of Honour for our event were made of wood (some recycled), from local companies.

- **Trophies:** Wooden trophies , procured through **Diamond Business Shield**.
- **Gift for the Guest of Honour:** wooden photo frame, bought from SME **Digital Hands**.



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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**Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts**

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**Involve Local Organizations**

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**Post Educational and Reusable Signage**

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**Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainability**

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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### Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

**Achieved:** Mainly through:

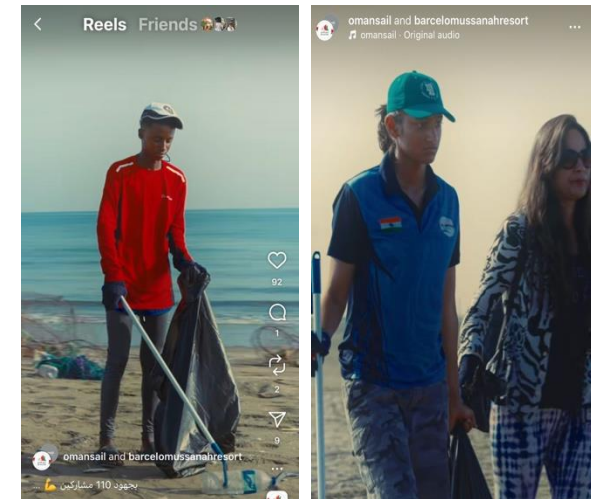
**A. Social media posts:** that included the beach clean & Environmental Awareness Training.

**B. Digital Communication:** WhatsApp groups to remind participants/coaches on where to refill their water bottles, the beach cleans and training times etc.

**C. Clean Regatta:** Logo displayed and tagged on some social media posts and at the closing ceremony - encouraging “green” conversations with all stakeholders.

**D. Closing Ceremony, CEO, Oman Sail Speech (21<sup>st</sup> October 2025):**

*“In a new achievement that reflects Oman Sail’s commitment to the principles of environmental sustainability, the last edition of Al Mussanah Sailing Week achieved the gold level for the “Clean Regatta” initiative, which is organized by the Sailors for the Sea Foundation with the support of Oceana, an international organization concerned with ocean conservation. This honor comes as a culmination of the Foundation’s ongoing efforts to implement responsible and environmentally friendly practices, aiming to reduce the use of single-use plastic, protect marine life, and spread community awareness of the importance of keeping the oceans clean, in line with the goals of sustainable development and the Oman Vision 2040”.*



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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### Involve Local Organizations

**Achieved:** Oman Sail worked with the following local organizations regarding sustainability & MRW:

- **Barceló Mussanah Resort:** A big thank you to the team for supporting the Clean Regatta. Barceló's global ReGen strategy aims to make them a leader in regenerative tourism, focusing on sustainable community investment, ethical social responsibility, and caring for the planet. The resort also minimizes waste through sustainable practices like wooden room keys, bamboo toiletries, and local sourcing, with 65% of purchases made in Oman.
- **Tanuf:** water sponsor for the event, providing 5 gallon water bottles only.
- **Mahfodh Restaurant:** as part of the contract we requested wooden knives and spoons only rather than plastic for the food, with cardboard packaging.
- **Diamond Business Shield:** Wooden trophies (requested upcycled wood).
- **Closing Ceremony:** VIPs included representatives from sponsors, Ambassadors to Oman, senior management from ASYAD Group, Al Ahli Bank, Ooredoo and Renaissance joined the event to celebrate the youth successes, winners, in which we shared Oman Sail's commitment to Clean Regattas.





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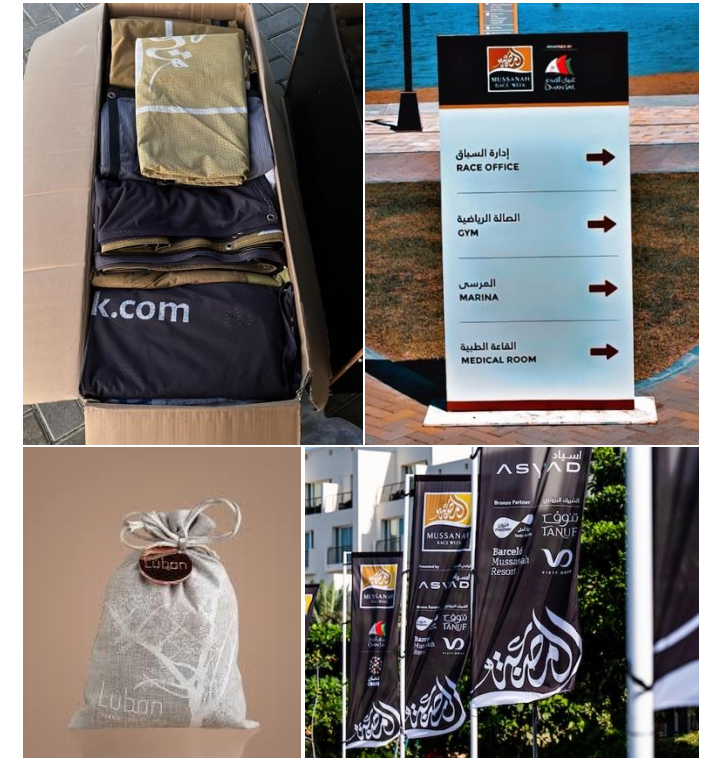
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## Post Educational and Reusable Signage

### Partly Achieved:

- Re-used 25 scrim pieces from previous years' MRW edition (6m x 1m size each)
- Numerous new flags were produced to brand the event with the new sponsors.
- Flags currently being stored, pending sponsors being re-confirmed for next year.
- All flags that cannot be reused for next year's event will be used in a new Oman Sail recycling project in 2026, with a local SME, Handicrafts House, that have identified the flags can be repurposed to store and sell frankincense (luban), creating sustainable income opportunities for locals.

**Further information on this exciting collaboration to follow in 2026!**



دار الحرفية  
Handicrafts House

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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## Post Educational and Reusable Signage Continued...

- **Focus on Digital Educational Material:** Most of the educational content was delivered through digital formats, including WhatsApp communication groups, QR codes distributed across the venue, and online sustainability reminders. This approach reduced printing needs and allowed us to share real-time updates with all participants.
- **Permanent Signage:** Permanent signs available at the hotel. Such as restroom signs, directional signage, and general facility markers were utilized as part of the venue's existing infrastructure. These signs were provided by the hotel itself rather than created specifically for the championship.





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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## Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainability

**Achieved:** food provided by Barcelo Mussanah Resort or Oman Sail was sourced locally. This ICV approach supported nearby suppliers, reduced transportation-related emissions, and guaranteed freshness throughout the event. Barcelo efforts included:

- **Local Ingredients and Fresh Produce:** vegetables, fruits, meats, poultry, and seafood were sourced from within Oman. The seafood menu included several varieties of fresh fish delivered directly by fishermen from the Mussanah area.
- **Daily Fresh Bread Supply:** from Sohar Beach Bakery, which provided freshly baked bread every morning.
- **Variety of Meals for All Diets:** A wide selection of dishes was available daily, catering to both vegetarian and non-vegetarian diets to accommodate the diverse needs of participants.
- **Traditional Omani Halwa:** During both the opening and closing ceremonies, Murtafaat Jama, a local Omani business, supplied traditional Omani Halwa, adding an authentic cultural experience while supporting a local enterprise.

# RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



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**Use Paperless Event Management**

# RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



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## Organize a Green Team

**Achieved:** In 2021, Oman Sail launched its Green Committee, led by Corporate Affairs, to drive sustainability initiatives and engage staff through various projects and events throughout the year. In December 2021, eight staff members were trained by the Environment Society of Oman (ESO) through a "Train the Trainer" program, enabling them to deliver environmental awareness training in both English and Arabic to Oman Sail staff and sailors across our three Sailing Schools. Annually, with sponsor support, environmental awareness training and sustainable activities have been integrated into our community-led sailing and team-building programmes.

In addition, SeaOman, a brand under Oman Sail, offers recreational diving, yacht charters, and watersports. It is a PADI 5\* Instructor Development Centre at Mussanah and Al Mouj, Muscat, a Green Fins Digital member and progressing towards PADI Eco Centre status.

Oman Sail's Green Committee, led by Debbie and Asia from Corporate Affairs, tries to align with the global focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance, Circular Economy, and In-Country Value. Oman Sail is committed to driving positive environmental change, both internally and externally, with a strong social license to operate.



لجنة عمان للإبحار الخضراء  
Oman Sail Green Committee

# RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



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## Organize a Green Team Continued...

### Key Green Members:



**Abdullah Al Farsi  
& Nawaf Al Ghadani:**

Operationally led on all races, Race Management & Green Boating initiatives.



**Dawood Al Adoubi:**

Led on all event photography including at sea, beach cleans & social media posts.



**Kholoud Al Said:**

Ensured the Clean Regatta logo was added to digital artwork - social media posts etc.



**Debbie Richardson  
& Asia Al Dahmani:**

Embedded the Clean Regatta approach into the bid, operational plans and delivery. The constant reminder to staff and sailors to think "green" for this event.



**Shaima A Asmi:**

Project Manager, with a tight budget and demands of stakeholders including to embed "green".



**Badar Al Abri:**

Managed communications, press and closing ceremony.



**Fatma Jamal  
& Buthaina Al Braiki:**

Procurement leads, managing being green vs keeping costs minimum.



**Ashwaq Al Mamari & Wahida Al Zadjali:**

Delivered the Environmental Awareness session with sailors



**Moayed Al Busaidi:**

Business Development lead for sponsorship and taking clients on a journey to be sustainable whilst balancing securing revenue or Value in Kind for the event.

# RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



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## Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

**Achieved:** To support proper waste management, we implemented a clearly segmented waste disposal system across the event venue.

Each bin consisted of five separate compartments, allowing participants to sort their waste accurately and responsibly.

These bins were placed in several key areas throughout the championship zone to ensure easy access for sailors, coaches, staff, and visitors.

Barcelo Mussanah Resort used their own bins for collection of food waste in key eating areas across the hotel. Food waste is repurposed for composting, helping reduce overall landfill waste.





# RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT



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## Divert Food Waste from Landfill

**Achieved:** through collaboration with our venue partner, Barceló Mussanah Resort. The resort operates a food composting system provided by **Ecobia**, which converts food waste into organic compost.

A site visit was conducted on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025** to observe and document Barceló Mussanah Resort's food waste management system, including the on-site food composter. **9 sailors** attended from nationalities including Oman and Singapore.





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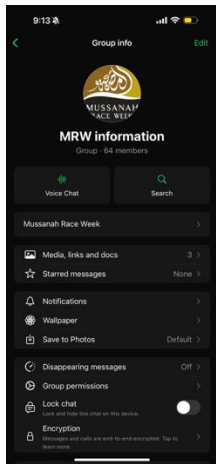
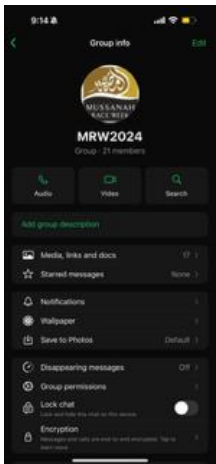
## Use Paperless Event Management

**Achieved:** we did not print sailing instructions, all information was digitally available via a QR code, and we used 2 main WhatsApp groups (MRW 2025 & MRW Information) that were used for regular communication to the sailors and staff.

Any paper from office waste during the event is collected by the hotel to be added to their recycling.



MRW Information  
WhatsApp group



MUSSANAH RACE WEEK  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Mussanah, Oman

### Sailing Instructions

- The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- The respective class rule will apply.
- When there is a conflict of rules between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the rule in the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes to RRS 03.7.

#### 1. SCHEDULE

Date	Remarks	Time
1st October 2024	Official Arrival Day Registration and equipment inspections	09:00 - 12:00 13:00
2nd October 2024	Practice day Registration and equipment inspections	09:00-12:00 13:00
3rd October 2024	COMPETITORS' BRIEFING Practice day Arabic Night	09:30 12:00 19:00-21:00
4th October 2024	COMPETITORS' BRIEFING OPTIMIST TEAM RACE Fleet Races	09:30 11:00 14:00
5th October 2024	COMPETITORS' BRIEFING Fleet Races	09:30 12:00
6th October 2024	COMPETITORS' BRIEFING Fleet Races	09:30 12:00
7th October 2024	COMPETITORS' BRIEFING Fleet Races Closing Ceremony	09:30 11:30 17:00
8th October 2024	Departure Day	All Day

- 1.2 On the last racing day, no warning signal will be made after 14:00.
- 1.3 10 races are scheduled for each class.
- 1.4 No more than 4 races may be sailed in one day for fleet racing.
- 1.5 Any change to the schedule will be posted no later than 20:00 on the previous evening of any race affected.
- 1.6 For optimist team race if less than 4 teams registered the race will be cancelled.

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



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**Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up**

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**Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water**

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**Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection**

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**Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives**

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



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## Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up

**Achieved:** at Al Mussanah public beach, near the Sailing School, sailors were joined by sponsors including staff from Barceló Mussanah Resort and the Asyad Group.

### Beach Clean Up:

- 20 October 2025
- 111 persons representing Oman Sail, Barceló Mussanah Resort, Asyad Group, Sailors from( Oman, UAE, India, Singapore, China and Kuwait) ,community volunteers and Municipality .

### Removed:

- 31 black bags of rubbish.





# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



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Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up Continued....



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



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## Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

**Achieved:** Oman Sail uses destination water, not fresh water, for washing down boats. It has been confirmed that there were no oil or fuel spillages at this event.





# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



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## Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection

**Achieved:** Oman Sail's staff offered and delivered an Environmental Awareness Session that included highlighting the dangers of single use plastic and Oman's five turtle species: Green, Loggerhead, Olive Ridley, Hawksbill, and Leatherback.

- **52 sailors** joined the session, representing **5 nationalities** (UAE, KSA, Macau, India and Singapore).





# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



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## Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

**Achieved:** Barceló Resort Mussanah and SME lunch provider Al Dhiyafa Al Aseela Al Alamiya, offered vegetarian and vegan options.

# GREEN BOATING



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Promote Alternative Transportation

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Reduce Day-of Emissions

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Inspire Future Action

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### Promote Alternative Transportation

**Partly Achieved:** Alternative transport options such as electric or biofuel-powered buses and trains are not available in Oman. Measures were taken to reduce transportation-related impact where possible:

- Sailors, coaches, and staff primarily used event buses or own cars.
- Majority of competing sailors and coaches stayed at the main event hotel (Barcelo) within walking distance of the regatta.
- Majority of Oman Sail event staff commuted from their local residences and were encouraged to carpool, this approach was widely adopted.

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### Reduce Day-of Event Emissions

#### **Partly Achieved:** Through:

- Majority of sailors, coaches stayed at the venue of the event (Barcelo).
- No VIP spectator boat.
- Race Management boats was a catamaran yacht.

**Transparency:** Carbon footprint of event not calculated, due to lack of resources, this needs to be incorporated into future events with a clear aim of **reduction of carbon emissions or/and a potential offset programme.**



# GREEN BOATING



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## Inspire Future Action

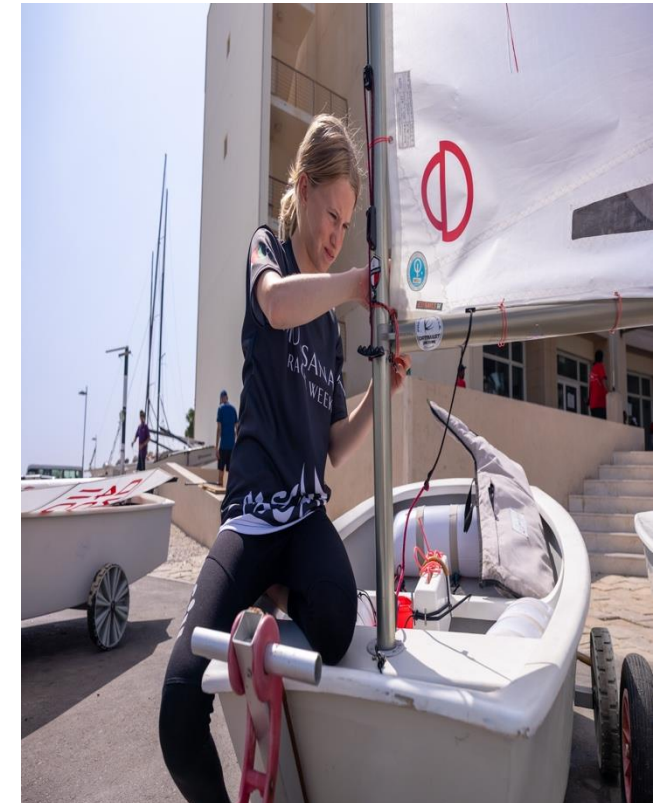
### Partly Achieved:

- **Environmental Awareness Session**

The Environmental Awareness Session inspired participants to become guardians of the ocean—both when representing their nations internationally and within their home communities—encouraging continued environmental action beyond the regatta.

- **Sustainability Review**

Oman Sail's Business Development team and Senior Management will review the ViK sponsorship with Mazoon Dairy, recognising that the juice boxes included single-use plastic straws.





**THANK YOU**