

2024 Hellenic ORCi Nationals

September 3, 2024 to September 8, 2024

Organizer :
Yacht Club of Greece



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Introduction

- The Yacht Club of Greece (YCG) hosted the Hellenic ORCi Nationals from the 3d of September 2024 till the 8th of September 2024. The event took place at the Saronic Gulf with 21 boats entering the regatta and around 250 crew members.
- The event was sponsored by Vodafone Foundation to promote among the Greek sailing community the Vodafone Posidonia program, a strategic initiative concerning the mapping and public awareness for the protection of *Posidonia Oceanica* underwater seagrass meadows in the Greek seas via responsible anchoring.
- The YCG Organizing Committee (OC) in parallel to the Posidonia program, executed a number of sustainability measures within the framework of the Sailors for the Sea program anticipating Platinum Certification.



Introduction

- We achieved 19 out of 20 Best Practices. The Best Practice we didn't manage to achieve was:
 - ☐ 5. Award Practical Items or Use Perpetual or Recycled Trophy
- Although we did not Award Practical Items 2 out of approximately 10 awards were perpetual trophies

Best Practices		Proposed	Achieved
Elimination of Single-Use Items			
✓ 1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations		✓	✓
✓ 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws		✓	✓
✓ 3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware		✓	✓
✓ 4. Skip Bags or Go Reusable		✓	✓
✓ 5. Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy		✓	✓
Community Involvement			
✓ 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts		✓	✓
✓ 7. Involve Local Organizations		✓	✓
✓ 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage		✓	✓
✓ 9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably		✓	✓
Responsible Waste Management			
✓ 10. Organize a Green Team		✓	✓
✓ 11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage		✓	✓
✓ 12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill		✓	✓
✓ 13. Use Paperless Event Management		✓	✓
Environmental Stewardship			
✓ 14. Host a Beach or Marina Cleanup		✓	✓
✓ 15. Promote Alternative Transportation		✓	✓
✓ 16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection		✓	✓
✓ 17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives		✓	✓
Green Boating			
✓ 18. Use Eco-Smart Management Techniques		✓	✓
✓ 19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water		✓	✓
✓ 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices		✓	✓



Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations



The OC installed two Water Refilling Stations at the club's boat park area. Both have water filtering and water-cooling capabilities of 200 litres of fresh water per hour. In parallel the OC included in the competitors pack one water cooler refill bottle for every sailor and delivered them during the registration. The measure was very well adopted by all the crew members who realized that apart of their contribution to the reduction of plastic they can have cold water throughout the day.

After the regatta the measure has been adopted by all the sailing teams, coaches and young sailors coming to the club to enjoy sailing.



Eliminate Plastic Straws



The use of Plastic Straws was strictly prohibited during the event. All the drinks of the dinners were served in disposable paper cups which have been recycled at the end of each day

Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

Disposable paper plates have been used to serve the food during the dinners




Skip Bags or Go Reusable

We did not provide any bags

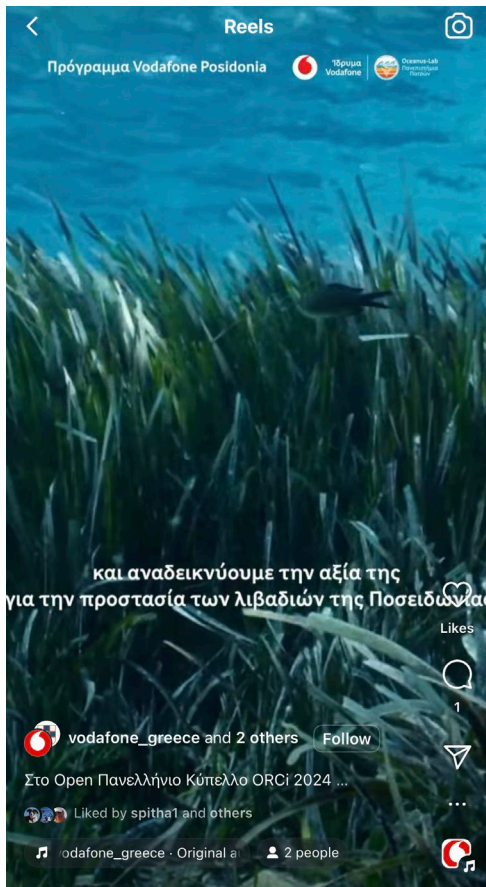


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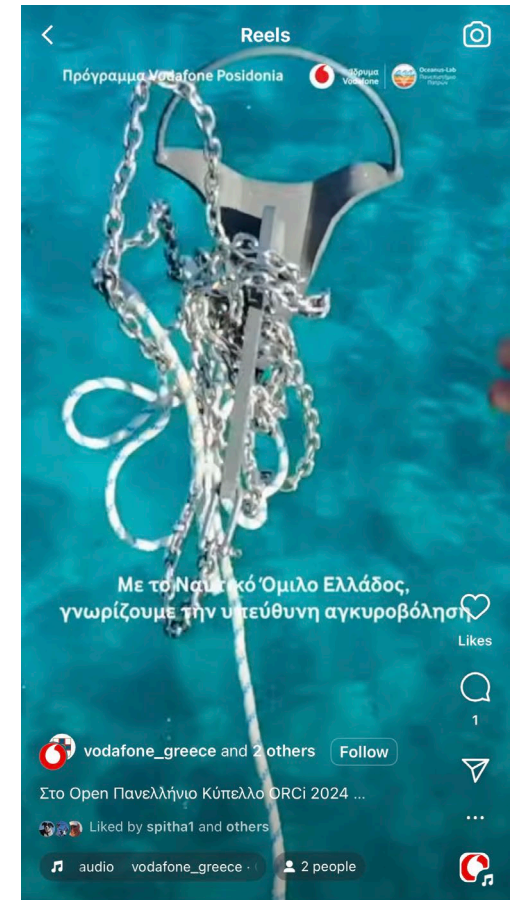
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Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts


We publicized all our sustainability activities throughout the regatta via our official social media channels (Facebook and Instagram)



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Involve Local Organizations

Vodafone was our communication partner and responsible to raise the awareness across the Local Authorities, Environmental non Profit Organizations, Marine Research institutes etc.



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Post Educational and Reusable Signage

We organized some educational friendly competitions with reusable prizes built from paper and wood.




Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably



We organized three parties (one for every night of the regatta) and we served local food



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Organize a Green Team

Stratis Andreadis (Flag Officer, Overseer of Sailing and Yachting at YCG), Menelaos Ioannidis (club member and volunteer) and Anna Theofilou (Club's secretary) were assigned by the Organizing Committee as the Green Team of the event.



Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage




We organized two waste bin areas with 4 bins in each area and proper signage (aluminium, glass plastic and general waste). We also had a bigger bin for recycling paper. This infrastructure remains with the club now.



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Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

YCG has a program in place for distributing uneaten meals to the local Piraeus old peoples home. This program has been in place since the early 2000's



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Use Paperless Event Management

The Racing Rules of Sailing Platform has been used as the official communication channel between the Organizers, the Race committee, the Jury and the competitors. The event run totally paperless which is a common practice in YOG regattas.

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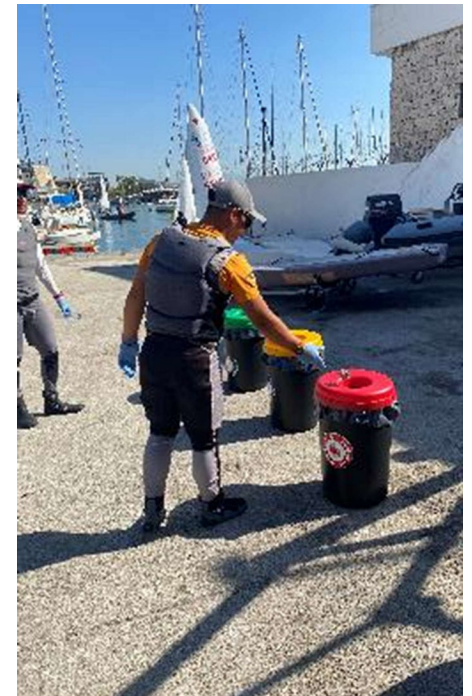
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Host a Beach or Marina Cleanup



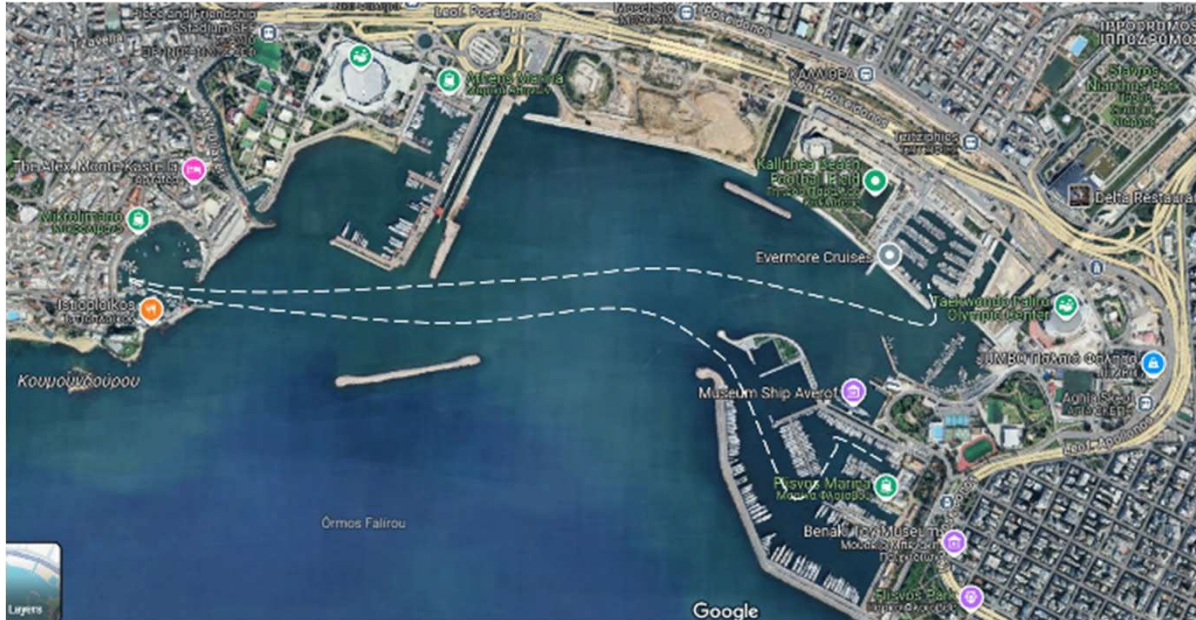
During the regatta we organized a cleanup of our Marina by the sailors of our ILCA team.



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Promote Alternative Transportation



We offered daily transportation by the sea for some crews who moored their boats in other marinas of the Saronic Gulf. We offered two of our ribs with 2 coaches to transfer the crews from our club to their marina and vice versa.



Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection



We provided a seminar about responsible anchoring to preserve Posidonia underwater meadows via responsible anchoring in the Greek Waters.

Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

All of our meals (prepared by our partner, Bully Bar Concept) @bullybarconcept had vegetarian alternatives. Further as all dishes throughout the National Championship were based on Greek local dishes (which is primarily a vegetarian cuisine) this was easy for us to provide



Use Eco-Smart Management Techniques

- We introduced (first time in Greece) the use of robotic marks to setup the race courses of the regatta.
- We rent 4 robotic marks from a Swiss specialized company and we have set all the race courses with these marks without the need to use our ribs, people and anchors.
- The marks were positioned remotely by the race committee.



Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

Racing boats were encouraged to use water only washdowns and were not allowed bottom cleaning throughout the regatta.




Encourage Green Boating Practices

Our focus on responsible anchoring was the theme of our regatta.



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