



Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

7–15 August 2026 | Klaipėda, Lithuania
Aiming for “Platinum” Certification under the Sailors
for the Sea Clean Regattas Programme



1. INTRODUCTION

The Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026 was organised not only to deliver a top-level international sailing competition, but also to consistently integrate sustainability principles into the planning, organisation and delivery of the event.

The Championship was organised in accordance with the principles of the international Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas programme, with the goal of achieving its highest “Platinum” certification level. To support this goal, a range of measures were implemented both during the preparation phase and throughout the event, focusing on reducing single-use plastics, responsible waste management and resource use, more sustainable food and mobility choices, protection of the Baltic Sea and its biodiversity, environmental education, and community engagement.

Sustainability principles were applied not only to the work of the event organisers. Championship participants, visitors, suppliers, partners and volunteers were also encouraged to contribute to their implementation.

This report provides an overview of the Championship’s key sustainability commitments, the measures implemented, communication and educational activities, as well as the data and evidence collected to demonstrate their implementation.

2. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

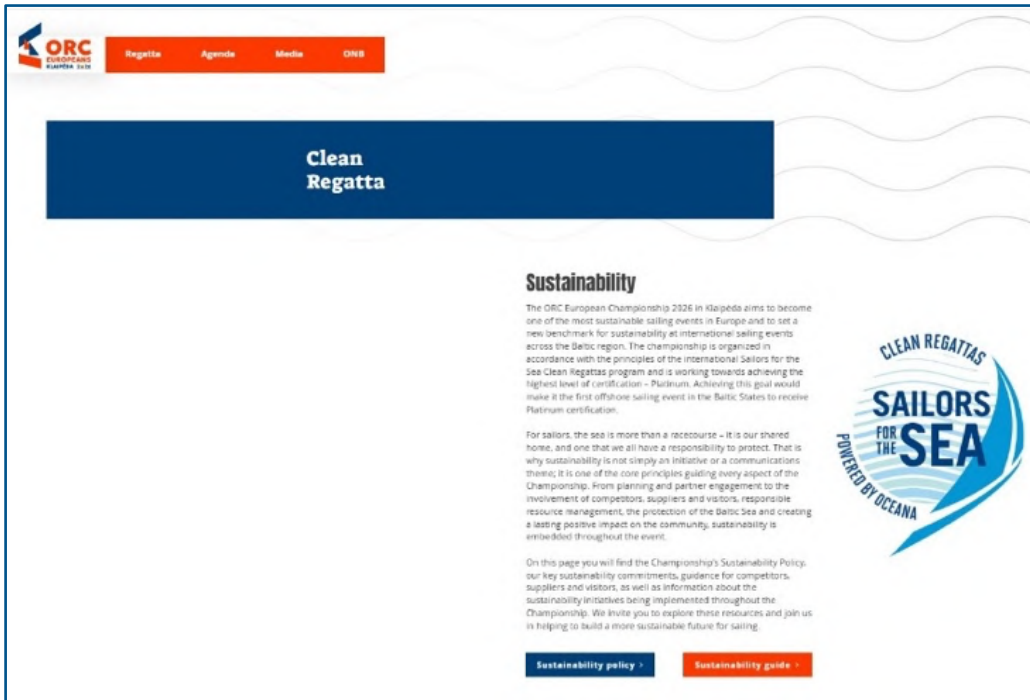
During the preparation phase of the Championship, the Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026 Sustainability Policy was developed, setting out the event’s key sustainability principles, objectives and commitments.

The Sustainability Policy served as the main framework for planning specific sustainability measures and developing requirements and recommendations for the different event-related activities and groups involved in the event.

The Policy takes a comprehensive approach to sustainability, covering responsible resource use, waste reduction and the elimination of single-use plastics, as well as protection of the Baltic Sea, more sustainable mobility, community engagement, and the event’s long-term positive impact.

Supporting Evidence:

- Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026 Sustainability Policy, in Lithuanian and English (attached as a separate document).
- Dedicated “Clean Regatta” section on the Championship website presenting the event’s sustainability initiatives – [Clean Regatta](#).



The screenshot shows the ORC Clean Regatta website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ORC logo and links for 'Regatta', 'Agenda', 'Media', and 'ONS'. Below this, a large blue banner reads 'Clean Regatta'. The main content area is titled 'Sustainability' and contains the following text:

The ORC European Championship 2026 in Klaipėda aims to become one of the most sustainable sailing events in Europe and to set a new benchmark for sustainability at international sailing events across the Baltic region. The championship is organized in accordance with the principles of the International Sailing for the Sea Clean Regattas program and is working towards achieving the highest level of certification - Platinum. Achieving this goal would make it the first offshore sailing event in the Baltic States to receive Platinum certification.

For sailors, the sea is more than a racecourse - it is our shared home, and one that we all have a responsibility to protect. That is why sustainability is not simply an initiative or a communications theme; it is one of the core principles guiding every aspect of the Championship. From planning and partner engagement to the involvement of competitors, suppliers and visitors, responsible resource management, the protection of the Baltic Sea and creating a lasting positive impact on the community, sustainability is embedded throughout the event.

On this page you will find the Championship's Sustainability Policy, our key sustainability commitments, guidance for competitors, suppliers and visitors, as well as information about the sustainability initiatives being implemented throughout the Championship. We invite you to explore these resources and join us in helping to build a more sustainable future for sailing.

At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: 'Sustainability policy' and 'Sustainability guide'.



3. SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Separate Sustainability Guidelines were developed for Championship participants, specifically targeting sailors and crews. The Guidelines translated the event's sustainability principles into practical actions for participants during the Championship, both on shore and on the water.

Participants were encouraged to use digital event information, sort waste correctly, use drinking water refill stations, protect the Baltic Sea and its ecosystems, carry out boat maintenance and technical work responsibly, and choose more environmentally friendly products whenever possible.

The Guidelines also introduced responsible boating principles. Participants were encouraged to join the Green Boater initiative and to appoint an Environmental Steward within their team to help the crew follow sustainability principles throughout the event.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for participants, in Lithuanian and English, available in digital format (attached as a separate document).
- Electronic distribution of the Guidelines to Championship participants through the event website, social media channels and WhatsApp.



4. SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE FOR EVENT VISITORS

A separate Sustainability Guide was developed for event visitors. Its purpose was to explain in a simple and practical way how every visitor to the Regatta Village could contribute to the event's sustainability goals through their everyday choices.

Visitors were encouraged to bring reusable water bottles and use the drinking water refill stations, sort their waste, protect the Baltic Sea and coastal areas, avoid smoking on beaches and in coastal areas, choose more sustainable ways of travelling to the event, avoid single-use products, and opt for more sustainable food choices.

The Guide also encouraged visitors to take part in sustainability activities and educational initiatives focused on the Baltic Sea held throughout the Championship.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guide for event visitors, in Lithuanian and English, available in digital format (attached as a separate document).
- Communication and distribution of the Sustainability Guide through social media and the Championship website.



5. SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES FOR SUPPLIERS

To ensure that sustainability principles were applied throughout the event's entire supply chain, separate Sustainability Guidelines were developed for Championship suppliers and partners.

The Guidelines established general principles related to reducing single-use products, choosing reusable, recyclable or compostable alternatives, reducing and sorting waste, using resources efficiently, and prioritising local products and services.

Additional requirements and recommendations were developed for suppliers providing catering, printing and production, souvenirs and prizes, advertising, and communication services. Specific sustainability requirements were also established for catering providers and incorporated into the overall terms of cooperation.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for suppliers, in Lithuanian and English, provided in digital format and communicated to suppliers as attachments to their agreements (attached as a separate document).

6. SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATION

The Championship's sustainability goals and its commitment to meeting the requirements of the Clean Regattas programme were communicated both before and during the event.

The Championship's Sustainability Policy and the guidelines developed for different target audiences were shared through the event's official communication channels. A dedicated press release was issued announcing the ambition to meet the requirements of the highest Platinum level, while information about the Championship's sustainability ambitions also reached the international sailing media.

On social media, sustainability was communicated not only as an overall commitment of the event, but also through specific Championship initiatives and practical advice for participants and visitors.

Communication about the Championship and its Sustainability Commitments

Communication about the Klaipėda ORC European Championship began well before the start of the event and continued consistently throughout the Championship. Information about the event was shared through the official Championship website, social media channels, international sailing communication platforms, Lithuanian media, as well as through national and commercial television coverage.



Sustainability was an integral part of the Championship’s overall communication. A dedicated “Clean Regatta” section was created on the official website, while social media channels highlighted specific sustainability measures and initiatives implemented as part of the event. Even before the Championship began, information about the event’s sustainability commitments and its ambition to meet the requirements of the Clean Regattas programme was published through international sailing media:

- **“Klaipėda ORC Europeans 2026 aims to set a new sustainability benchmark for offshore sailing in the Baltic region” – [ORC publication](#);**
- **“Klaipėda ORC Europeans 2026 aims to set a new sustainability benchmark for offshore sailing in the Baltic region” – [Sail-World publication](#).**

Communication continued on a daily basis throughout the Championship, with sustainability topics consistently incorporated alongside sporting results, the event programme, participant stories and other Championship content. In this way, Clean Regatta initiatives became a natural part of the overall Championship narrative rather than a separate, one-off communication campaign.



IMPLEMENTATION OF “CLEAN REGATTAS” SUSTAINABILITY BEST PRACTICES



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

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

During the ORC European Championship, drinking water refill stations provided by Klaipėdos vanduo were installed in the Regatta Village, allowing participants and visitors to refill their reusable water bottles free of charge and thereby reduce the need for single-use plastic water bottles.

The refill locations were clearly marked with dedicated “Fresh Water Marina / Geriamo vandens uostas” signage, and information about their availability was regularly communicated through the Championship’s communication channels. Participants and visitors were encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles, refill them throughout the event, and avoid single-use packaging.

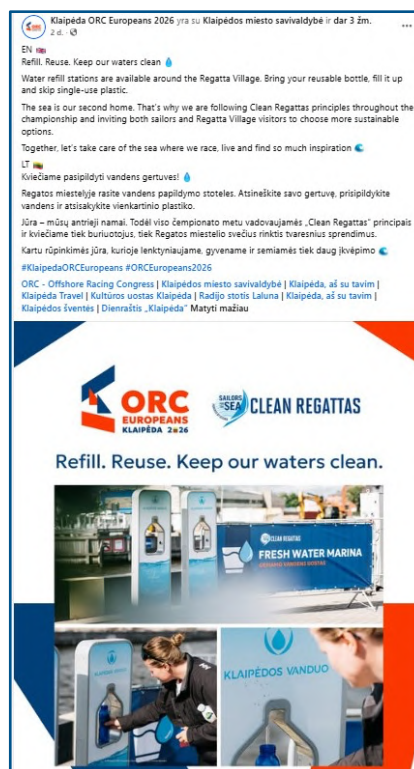
In addition, reusable ORC Europeans / Clean Regattas water bottles were provided for Championship participants, offering a practical alternative to single-use plastic water bottles.

Results and Impact

The measure covered the full range of elements required for effective implementation – infrastructure, a reusable alternative, clear signage and communication. Free access to drinking water enabled participants and visitors to refill their bottles throughout the Championship, helping to reduce the use of single-use plastic water bottles.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the Klaipėdos vanduo drinking water refill stations, documenting the installation of two water refill stations.
- Photographs of the “Fresh Water Marina / Geriamo vandens uostas” signage.
- Photographs of the reusable ORC Europeans / Clean Regattas water bottles.
- Examples of social media communication promoting the water refill stations and the use of reusable water bottles.
- Sustainability Guidelines and Guides encouraging participants and visitors to avoid single-use plastic water bottles and use the drinking water refill stations.



2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

To reduce the use of single-use plastics, the Sustainability Guidelines developed for the Championship's food and beverage suppliers required the elimination of single-use plastic straws and the use of more environmentally friendly alternatives.

This requirement was implemented in practice – paper, biodegradable straws were used instead of plastic straws at food and beverage outlets throughout the event.

Results and Impact

Eliminating plastic straws contributed to the Championship's overall goal of reducing the use of single-use plastic products. The sustainability requirements established for suppliers in advance of the event were put into practice during the Championship, replacing plastic with a more environmentally friendly alternative.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for suppliers specifying the elimination of single-use plastic straws.
- Photographs of the paper, biodegradable straws used during the event.
- Photographs of food and beverage outlets.



3. Serve Food Using Plastic-Free Serviceware

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

To reduce the use of single-use plastics, specific sustainability requirements were established in advance for the Championship's catering providers. The Sustainability Guidelines required suppliers to avoid single-use plastic plates, cups and cutlery and to choose reusable, recyclable, compostable or other more environmentally friendly alternatives.

These principles were put into practice during the event – food was served in paper and cardboard containers, with wooden cutlery and other serving items used as alternatives to single-use plastics.

For beverages, reusable Volfas Engelman cups operated through a deposit-return system were used, allowing cups to be returned after use and reused. In addition, visitors were encouraged to bring their own reusable containers or cups, with a €0.20 discount offered on drinks when using their own reusable option.

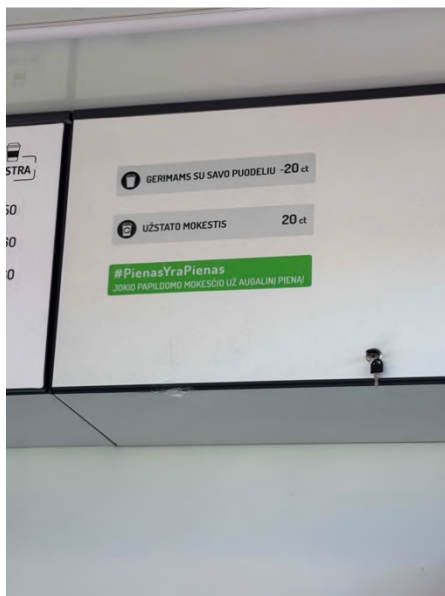
Results and Impact

This measure combined the reduction of single-use plastics with the promotion of reusable alternatives. Alternatives to single-use plastic were used at catering outlets, while a reusable deposit-return cup system was introduced for beverages, together with a financial incentive for visitors to use their own reusable containers or cups.

Importantly, these requirements were established for suppliers during the event preparation phase. This ensured that reducing single-use plastics was integrated into the organisation of catering services from the outset, rather than introduced as a separate initiative during the event.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for suppliers, including requirements for reducing single-use plastics.
- Photographs showing the use of paper/cardboard food containers and alternative cutlery.
- Photographs showing the use of reusable Volfas Engelman deposit-return cups.
- Information displayed at points of sale about the €0.20 discount for using personal reusable containers or cups.
- Photographs of food and beverage outlets.



4. Eliminate Single-Use Bags or Choose Reusable Alternatives

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

To eliminate single-use plastic and paper bags, the Championship selected reusable BAGFACTORY ECO-CENT bags, designed and manufactured in Lithuania and featuring a custom ORC Europeans 2026 design.

The bags were used to provide participants with event materials and prizes and were actively used throughout the Championship. This approach ensured that the event merchandise served more than just a packaging function – the durable bags can continue to be used long after the Championship.

The ECO-CENT bags were selected based on the principles of reusability and recyclability. According to the manufacturer's technical information, they can be made from up to 100% recycled materials, have been tested to carry loads of up to 15 kg, are washable and can be reused multiple times. The bags are made from a single type of mono-material, making them easier to recycle at the end of their useful life.

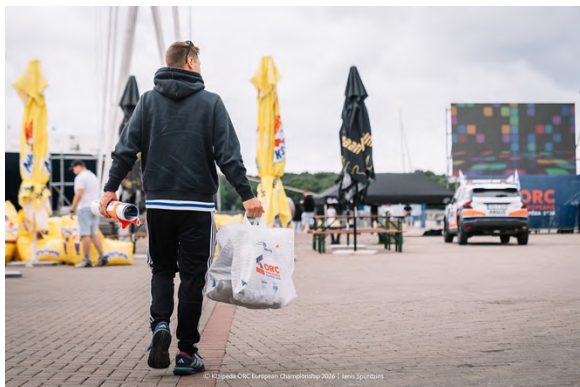
Results and Impact

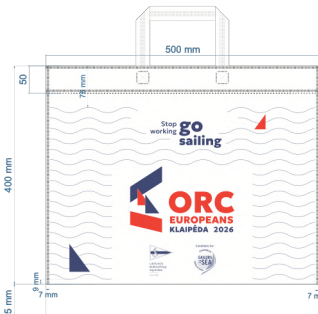
Single-use bags were replaced with a durable, reusable alternative. Professional photographs from the Championship show that the bags were not only distributed but were also actively used by participants throughout the event area.

The solution also supported local production, as the Championship bags were designed and manufactured in Lithuania.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the reusable ORC Europeans 2026 bags produced specifically for the Championship.
- Professional event photographs showing the bags being used by participants.
- Final bag design and technical artwork.
- BAGFACTORY ECO-CENT technical specification.
- Championship social media communication about the reusable bags.
- Photographs showing participant materials and prizes provided in reusable bags.






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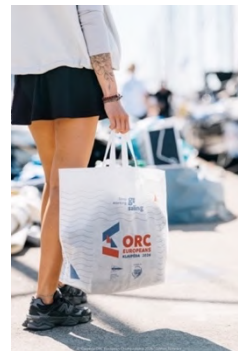
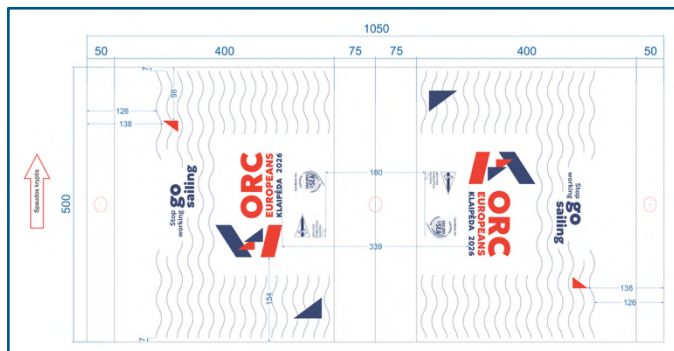
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 Now we have our answer:
 STOP WORKING, GO SAILING! 🚢

Thank you, Bagfactory, for creating a sustainable regatta bag — and for giving us a reminder that's always at hand. 🌱

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5. Give Practical Awards or Choose Reusable / Recycled Prizes

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

When selecting gifts, prizes and official awards for Championship participants, the aim was to avoid short-lived souvenirs with a single-use purpose and instead prioritise practical, reusable, durable, consumable or edible items.

Participant gifts. One of the main choices was reusable ORC European Championship 2026 / Clean Regattas water bottles, produced specifically for the Championship. A total of 500 reusable 600 ml bottles were produced for the event. The main material of the bottle is 100% recycled PET (rPET), while individual components are made from polypropylene (PP), stainless steel and silicone. The bottles featured custom Championship and Clean Regattas branding.

The bottles served not only as event merchandise but also had a clear practical purpose: they complemented the free drinking water refill system installed in the Regatta Village, allowing participants to use them throughout the Championship and afterwards. Participant gifts and other event materials were also provided in reusable ECO-CENT bags, avoiding additional single-use packaging.

Prizes for activities and educational events in the Regatta Village. Participants in quizzes, games and other activities received practical prizes intended for continued use, including reusable cups, reusable straws, thermos bottles, mosquito-repellent candles, waste-sorting bag sets and other durable items.

Official Championship awards. Championship winners received valuable, practical or long-lasting awards. These included Garmin watches, as well as edible prizes – traditional Lithuanian šakotis cakes. Official trophies and other sporting awards were made from glass, metal alloys and wood, avoiding short-lived plastic souvenirs.

The principles of sustainability and material reuse were also **incorporated into educational activities for children.** In the creative area, leftover sailing ropes, fabrics and other materials were used to create new artworks, providing a practical introduction to the concepts of material reuse and giving materials a “second life.” The artworks created by the children were taken home with them after the activities.

Results and Impact

The measure was implemented across different aspects of the event – from participant gifts and prizes for Regatta Village activities to official Championship awards.

The selected items had a practical and long-term purpose, while some directly supported other Championship sustainability measures. Reusable water bottles encouraged participants to use the water refill stations and reduce the need for single-use plastic water bottles; reusable bags replaced single-use packaging; and practical, durable, consumable or edible items were selected for activity prizes and official awards.

Incorporating the principle of material reuse into children’s creative activities also added an educational dimension to the initiative.

Supporting Evidence:

- Technical specification and final design artwork for the reusable ORC European Championship 2026 / Clean Regattas water bottles.
- Manufacturer information confirming the bottle materials, with 100% recycled PET (rPET) as the main material.
- Photographs of the water bottles produced and used during the event.
- Photographs and technical specification of the reusable ECO-CENT bags.
- Photographs of prizes awarded for quizzes, games and other activities in the Regatta Village.
- Photographs of Garmin watches and traditional Lithuanian šakotis cakes being presented to Championship winners.
- Photographs of Championship awards made from glass, metal alloys and wood.
- Photographs of children's creative activities and the reused materials.
- Photographs of award ceremonies and prize presentations.





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Recycled PET bottle (100% rPET) with a glossy translucent finish

Recycled PET bottle (100% rPET) with a glossy translucent finish. It has a silicone handle for easy transport and a PP and stainless steel lid with silicone insulation. Capacity up to 590 mL, ø66 x 230 mm

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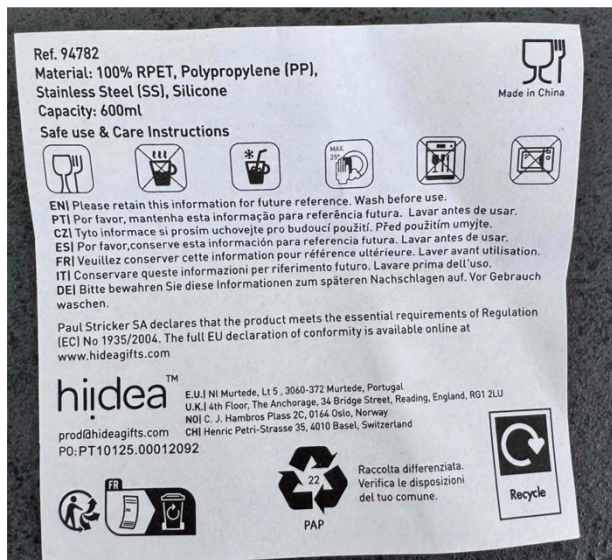


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6. Promote Your Sustainability Initiatives

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Sustainability topics were consistently integrated into the Championship's daily communications and programme, highlighting specific Clean Regattas measures and encouraging participants and visitors to take part.

In the Regatta Village, sustainability information was presented on the main event screen, information boards and signage, as well as through digital channels. An interactive Championship quiz was also displayed on the main screen, with one of its themes dedicated to sustainability and the Clean Regattas principles. Questions on responsible behaviour, waste sorting and environmental protection provided an engaging way to communicate sustainability information to visitors.

Sustainability was also incorporated into the Championship's economic impact surveys for participants and visitors. The surveys assessed respondents' awareness of the Clean Regattas objective and sustainability initiatives, as well as their attitudes towards sustainably organised sporting events.

The survey results showed that more than half of respondents who answered the sustainability questions (51.9%) were already aware, before completing the survey, that the Championship was aiming to meet the highest-level Clean Regattas requirements. A further 19.2% learned about this objective during the Championship. Overall, 71.2% of respondents were therefore aware of the Championship's sustainability objective independently of the survey itself.

The sustainability practices most frequently reported by respondents were using digital event information and avoiding unnecessary printing (67.3%), sorting waste according to the recycling signage provided throughout the event area (57.7%), and using drinking water refill stations and reusable water bottles (55.8%). More sustainable transport options – including public transport, cycling, walking or car-sharing – were reported as already used or planned by 38.5% of respondents.

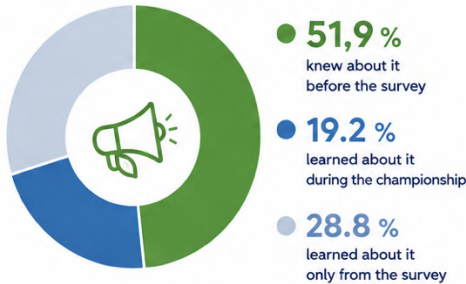
A smaller proportion of respondents reported that they had participated in or planned to participate in environmental education activities or other sustainability initiatives (5.8%), or to choose vegetarian or plant-based meals (3.8%).

The results indicate that the measures with the greatest practical uptake were those that could be easily incorporated into the everyday event experience – digital information, waste sorting, and the use of reusable water bottles and drinking water refill stations.

Survey results: awareness and use of sustainability measures during the championship

The opinions of participants and visitors who answered the survey showed that the championship's sustainability communication was visible and the measures introduced were used in practice.

AWARENESS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP'S SUSTAINABILITY GOAL



SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES THAT PARTICIPANTS USED OR PLAN TO USE



OTHER SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



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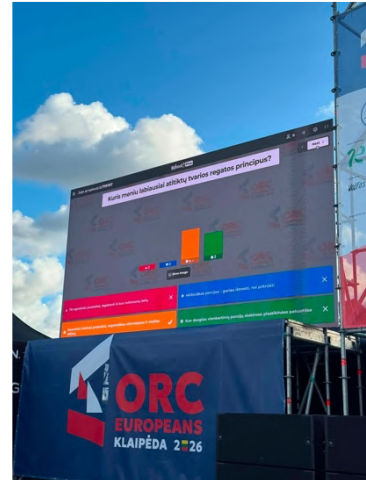


Results and Impact

Sustainability communication became a visible part of the everyday Championship experience. Information was delivered not only through traditional informational formats, but also through interactive content and the collection of participant and visitor feedback. In this way, visitors and participants were not only informed about the sustainability measures being implemented, but were also encouraged to actively engage with them.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the Clean Regattas sustainability quiz displayed on the main event screen.
- Sustainability question sections included in the participant and visitor surveys.
- Photographs of surveys being conducted within the event area.
- Final survey results.



Survey:



7. Engage Local Organizations

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Local and environmental organizations were involved in the Championship's sustainability and educational activities, bringing their expertise and initiatives directly to visitors in the Regatta Village.

The **Lithuanian Sea Museum** delivered educational activities focused on raising awareness of the Baltic Sea and its protection. Visitors were also offered **a virtual reality experience**, providing an interactive way to explore the Baltic Sea and its environment.

Žaliasis taškas (Green Dot Lithuania) provided practical waste-sorting education in the Regatta Village. Visitors could test their knowledge, participate in games and creative activities, and learn how to sort waste correctly.

Sailing schools and the young sailors' community also contributed to the Regatta Village programme by introducing visitors to sailing and giving children and young people in particular an opportunity to discover the world of sailing more closely. During the Championship, young **Optimist sailors** also visited the Regatta Village, experiencing the atmosphere of an international championship and high-performance sailing first-hand.

Results and Impact

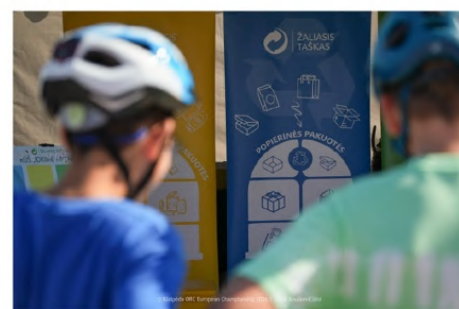
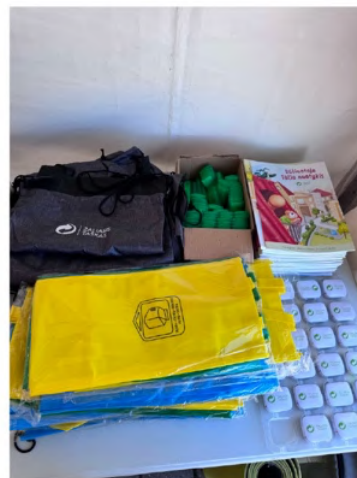
The involvement of partner organizations made it possible to communicate sustainability topics in a practical and interactive way. Awareness of the Baltic Sea, environmental protection, waste sorting and responsible consumption became part of the overall Regatta Village programme, allowing visitors to engage directly in educational activities.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the Lithuanian Sea Museum's educational activities and VR experience.
- Photographs of the Žaliasis taškas educational area, games and creative activities.
- Photographs of visitors participating in educational activities.
- Partner and Championship communications about the activities carried out.



Small steps to big and clean regatta



8. Display Educational and Reusable Signage

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Sustainability information in the Regatta Village was integrated into the Championship's overall visual communication system through the use of large-format information displays, directional signage, digital screens and QR codes.

Key sustainability infrastructure locations were clearly marked: "Fresh Water Marina" signage directed participants and visitors to drinking water refill stations, while "Recycling Marina" identified the waste sorting area. This made it easy for participants and visitors to locate the relevant facilities and make practical use of the sustainability measures implemented at the event.

QR codes and event screens also allowed part of the information to be provided digitally, reducing the need for additional single-use printed materials.

Results and Impact

The signage made the Championship's sustainability infrastructure clearly visible and easily accessible, while the use of reusable information displays and digital solutions helped reduce the need for short-lived printed materials.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the "Fresh Water Marina" signage and drinking water refill area.
- Photographs of the "Recycling Marina" signage and waste sorting area.
- Photographs of directional and other information signage.
- Designs and layouts of information signs and display walls.
- Examples of QR codes and information displayed on digital event screens.



9. Serve Local Food or Choose Sustainably Sourced Seafood

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

The Sustainability Guidelines prepared for the Championship's food service providers recommended choosing local and seasonal products whenever possible, thereby supporting the local economy and reducing the environmental impact associated with food supply.

This principle was also applied in practice. The food available at the event included traditional Lithuanian dishes, such as *kugelis* (potato pudding) and *šaltibarščiai* (cold beetroot soup), while vegetables used in food preparation were supplied by local suppliers from the Klaipėda region. Catering services at the event were also provided by local and Lithuania-based suppliers and businesses.

Results and Impact

The inclusion of local products, regional suppliers and traditional Lithuanian dishes enabled the principle of serving local food to be practically integrated into the Championship's catering system. This supported local suppliers while also introducing event participants and visitors to Lithuanian cuisine and local gastronomy.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for food service providers.
- Photographs and/or menus featuring traditional local dishes, including *kugelis* and *šaltibarščiai*.
- Photographs of the event catering area.





10. Create a Green Team

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

A dedicated Green Team operated throughout the Championship, serving as sustainability ambassadors who helped participants, visitors and suppliers follow the event's sustainability principles in practice.

The team's primary role was to provide guidance and education. Green Team members answered questions about waste sorting, explained which bins should be used for different types of waste, and helped people understand and navigate the sustainability measures implemented throughout the event.

Green Team members were easily identifiable within the event area by their dedicated "Green Team" T-shirts. Their activities were supported by the communication message:

"Not sure where it goes? Ask the Green Team."

Results and Impact

The Green Team complemented the event's sustainability infrastructure through direct interaction and practical education. Participants and visitors had clearly identifiable people they could approach with questions, meaning that responsible behaviour and correct waste sorting were encouraged not only through signage, but also through direct, face-to-face communication.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of Green Team members during the event.
- Photographs of the dedicated "Green Team" T-shirts.
- Communications introducing the Green Team and its activities.

Overall sustainability slogan: Small steps to a big and clean regatta.



Small steps to big and clean regatta



11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

A clear and easily accessible waste sorting infrastructure was established throughout the Championship venue.

Waste sorting stations and separate, clearly labelled bins were placed at strategic locations across the Regatta Village. Facilities were provided for the separate collection of mixed municipal waste, paper and cardboard, plastic, glass, and food waste.

The bin system was complemented by clear signage and the “Recycling Marina” information sign featuring a QR code linking to the waste sorting guide, helping visitors locate the recycling stations and select the appropriate bin.

Results and Impact

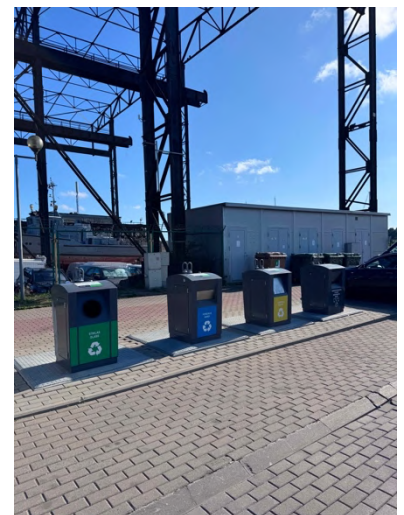
Waste sorting became a visible and easily accessible part of the event infrastructure. Dedicated bins for different waste streams, clear labelling and supporting information provided practical conditions for proper waste sorting throughout the Championship.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the waste sorting stations.
- Photographs of bins designated for mixed municipal waste, paper and cardboard, plastic, glass, and food waste.
- Photographs of waste bin signage and labelling.
- Examples of the “Recycling Marina” information signage and waste sorting guide.
- Professional event photographs showing the waste sorting infrastructure in use.



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12. Reduce Food Waste Sent to Landfill

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Food waste reduction was integrated into the Championship's sustainability system from the planning stage. The Sustainability Guidelines for food service providers included requirements to reduce food waste and separately sort any food waste generated.

During the Championship, food waste was separated from other waste streams and collected in a dedicated, clearly labelled container. At the end of each day, food service providers were also assisted in properly managing and sorting the waste remaining from their operations.

In Klaipėda, separately collected food waste is delivered to the KRATC food waste treatment facilities in Dumpiai. There, packaging and other materials unsuitable for processing are removed, while the organic fraction is prepared as liquid biomass. This biomass is transferred for further processing, where biogas is produced and used to generate electricity, while the remaining material is used for compost production. In this way, separately collected food waste is returned to the resource cycle rather than disposed of together with mixed municipal waste.

Results and Impact

Separate food waste collection ensured that food waste was kept out of the general mixed municipal waste stream and could be sent for dedicated treatment. This meant that the food waste management principle was implemented in practice rather than being limited to requirements set out in the Sustainability Guidelines for suppliers.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for food service providers covering food waste reduction and separate food waste collection.
- Photographs of the dedicated food waste container and its signage.
- Photographs showing food waste sorting during the event.



13. Use a Paperless Event Management System

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Digital channels were consistently used for Championship management and communication with participants, reducing the need for printed documents and paper-based daily information.

The primary platform for official race documents and information was Manage2Sail, where official documents, notices and updates were published. A dedicated WhatsApp group was used for day-to-day operational communication with participants, and sailors were invited to join the group before the Championship began.

WhatsApp was used to provide timely information about the daily programme, starts, courses and course changes, technical inspections, Race Committee and Jury notices, safety information, and other organisational matters. Participants also received links to official documents published on Manage2Sail.

The Sustainability Policy, Sustainability Guidelines for Participants, Sustainability Guide for Event Visitors, and Sustainability Guidelines for Suppliers were also distributed digitally. QR codes and digital screens were used throughout the event area to provide additional information.

Results and Impact

The combination of Manage2Sail and WhatsApp provided a practical paperless event management system: Manage2Sail served as the platform for official information and documents, while WhatsApp provided a fast and direct communication channel with participants.

This reduced the need to print daily notices, updates, instructions and other short-lived information. The paperless approach was therefore applied not only to sustainability documents, but also to the actual day-to-day management of the Championship and communication throughout the racing programme.

Supporting Evidence:

- Screenshots of the Manage2Sail official communication and document management system.
- Screenshots of the Championship participants' WhatsApp group and daily communications.
- Examples of Race Committee notices, start information, course information and other operational communications.
- WhatsApp messages containing links to official documents published on Manage2Sail.
- Sustainability Policy, Sustainability Guidelines for Participants, Sustainability Guide for Event Visitors, and Sustainability Guidelines for Suppliers distributed electronically.
- Digital documents published on the official Championship website.
- Examples of QR codes and digital event screens used during the Championship.

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To make sure you don't miss any important updates during the event, we invite all competitors to join the Sailors' WhatsApp Group.

Here you'll receive the latest information, practical announcements, reminders and other updates throughout the championship.

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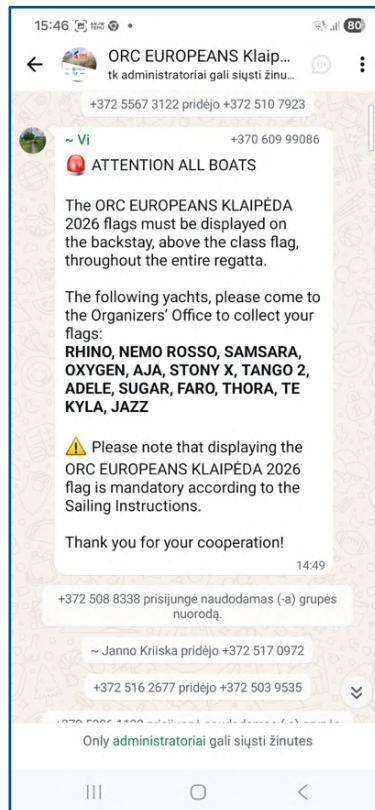
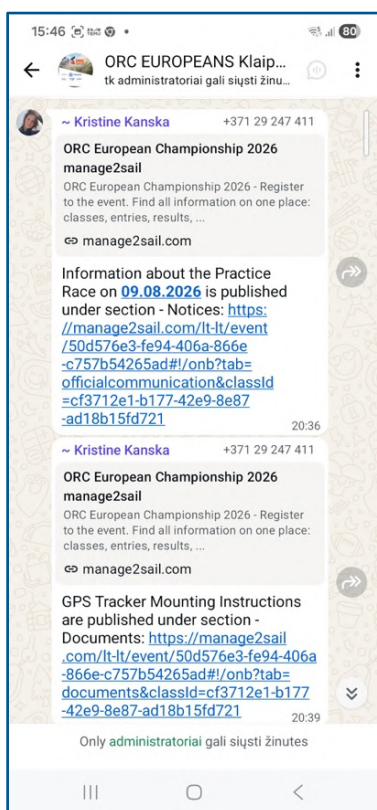
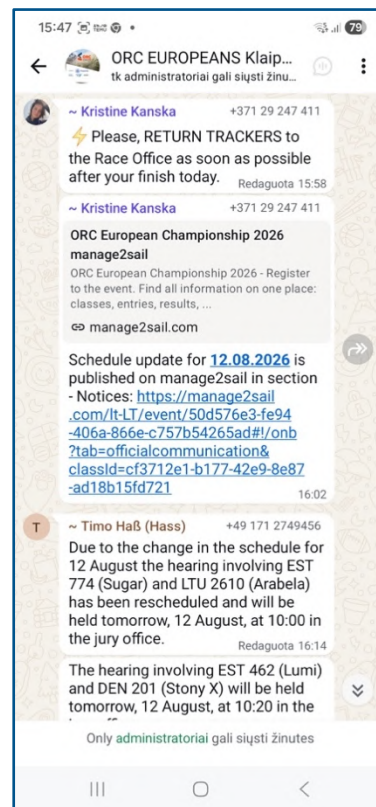
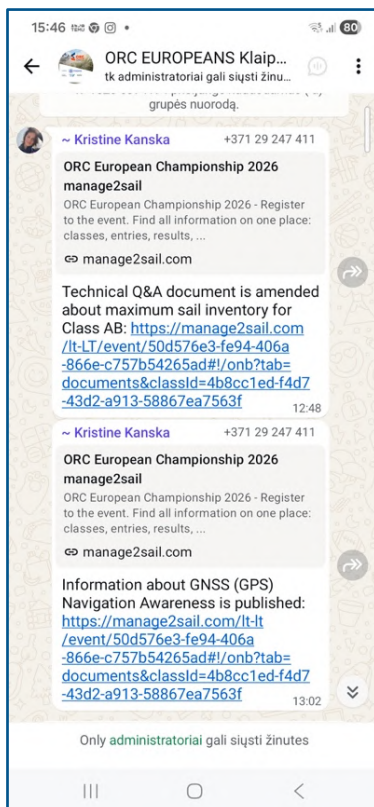
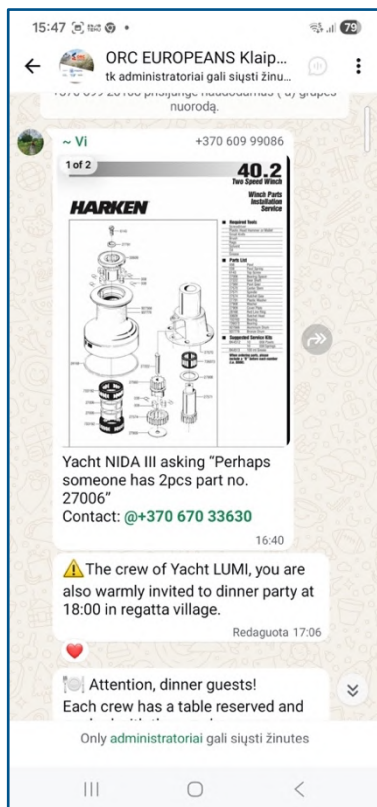


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14. Organize a Beach or Marina Clean-up

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Throughout the Championship, the marina and Regatta Village were cleaned on a daily basis, following a continuous clean-up model rather than organizing a single one-off clean-up event. Maintaining the cleanliness of the area, collecting waste and ensuring that it was properly sorted were integrated into the event's daily operations.

The Green Team played an active role in these activities. At the end of each event day, Green Team members carried out clean-up activities throughout the Regatta Village and marina area, collected waste left in the event area, and assisted event suppliers in managing the waste generated at their work areas and sorting it correctly.

In this way, instead of a one-off clean-up action, the Championship implemented a regular marina clean-up activity throughout the entire event, while also involving event suppliers and encouraging proper waste management in practice.

Results and Impact

The Green Team's daily clean-up activities helped maintain a clean Regatta Village and marina environment throughout the Championship. Waste was not only collected but also properly sorted, with suppliers operating within the event area actively involved in the process.

In this way, the "Beach or Marina Clean-up" principle was implemented as an ongoing practical activity throughout the event rather than as a single one-off action.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the Green Team carrying out clean-up activities in the Regatta Village and marina area.
- Photographs of Green Team members collecting waste.
- Photographs showing assistance provided to suppliers in managing and sorting waste remaining after daily operations.
- Photographs of collected waste being sorted at the event's waste sorting stations.
- Communications describing the Green Team's activities and responsibilities.



15. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

Protection of the Baltic Sea and pollution prevention were incorporated into the Championship's Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Guidelines for Participants. These documents established principles for responsible behaviour during racing, while in the marina, and when carrying out boat maintenance activities.

Participants were encouraged not to leave waste in the sea, to prevent technical substances or other pollutants from entering the water, to carry out repairs and maintenance in designated areas, and to properly collect and dispose of any waste generated. After racing, participants were advised, whenever possible, to wash their boats using water only and, where cleaning products were necessary, to choose more environmentally friendly alternatives.

The Championship took place within the Port of Klaipėda, where general port pollution prevention and environmental protection procedures apply. The Rules for the Use of Klaipėda State Seaport regulate the safe supply of fuel, while the Port Authority's local pollution incident response plan provides for preventive and response measures in the event of spills involving oil products, chemicals and other pollutants. The port also operates a system for the reception and management of ship-generated waste.

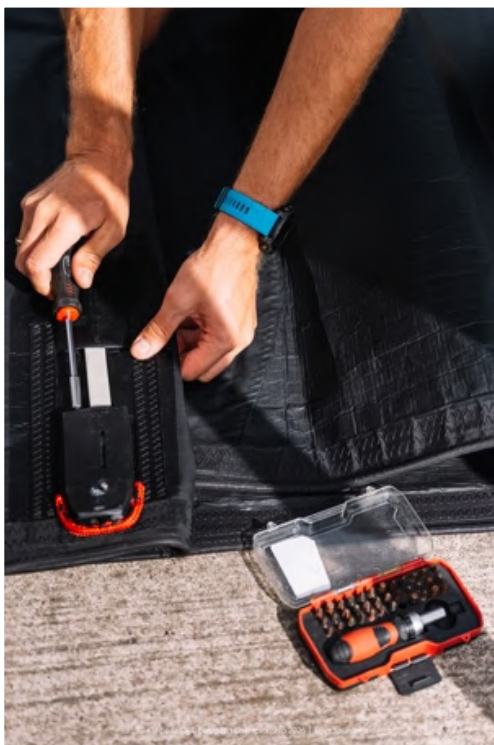
Results and Impact

Pollution prevention was addressed at two levels: through specific responsible behaviour and boat maintenance principles established for Championship participants, and through the broader pollution prevention and response procedures applicable within the Port of Klaipėda.

Particular attention was therefore given to activities taking place directly adjacent to the water and to potential pollution associated with boats, maintenance and technical work, fuel and other substances. Event photographs documenting boat maintenance and technical activities provide additional evidence supporting the pollution prevention requirements communicated to participants in advance.

Supporting Evidence:

- Championship Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Guidelines for Participants.
- Sections of the Guidelines covering Baltic Sea protection, boat maintenance and technical work.
- Photographs documenting boat maintenance and technical activities during the event.
- Rules for the Use of Klaipėda State Seaport.



16. Raise Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

The protection of Baltic Sea biodiversity and sensitive habitats was integrated into the Championship's educational activities and the Sustainability Guidelines for Participants.

The Lithuanian Sea Museum played an active role in implementing this initiative, delivering an educational programme in the Regatta Village over several days of the Championship. The programme focused on raising awareness of the sea and the relationship between people and the marine environment.

One of the key activities was the virtual reality film "Future Baltic: Dystopia or Reality?", which used an interactive format to draw attention to the future of the Baltic Sea ecosystem and the impact of human activities on the sea, its wildlife and habitats. The programme was complemented by the educational game "Recognise the Sailing Vessel" and the creative activity "Stories of Water and Wind", giving visitors of different ages an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the marine environment through play and creativity.

Wildlife and habitat protection principles were also incorporated into the Sustainability Guidelines for Participants. Sailors were encouraged not to disturb wildlife and birds, to protect sensitive coastal habitats, to avoid leaving waste or pollutants in the environment, and to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

Results and Impact

Awareness of the Baltic Sea and its environment was promoted not only through information, but also through virtual reality, educational games and creative activities. The Lithuanian Sea Museum's programme, together with the responsible behaviour guidelines provided to participants, enabled the topic to reach both Regatta Village visitors and Championship sailors.

Supporting Evidence:

- Photographs of the Lithuanian Sea Museum's educational activities in the Regatta Village.
- Photographs of the "Future Baltic: Dystopia or Reality?" VR film experience and visitor participation.
- Materials from the educational game "Recognise the Sailing Vessel" and the creative activity "Stories of Water and Wind".
- Lithuanian Sea Museum communications and presentation of the educational programme.
- Sustainability Guidelines for Participants covering wildlife, habitat, coastal area and invasive species protection.
- Social media communications about the Lithuanian Sea Museum's activities.



Lietuvos jūrų muziejus
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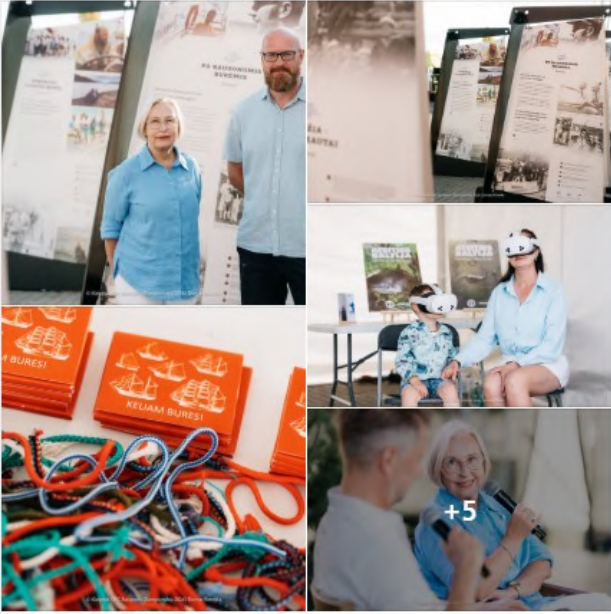
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Lietuvos jūrų muziejus įrašas ✕

Lietuvos jūrų muziejus yra su Klaipėda ORC Europeans 2026.
Rugpjūtis 8 d., 11:09 · 🌐

🏆 EUROPOS ORC ČEMPIONATAS KLAIPĖDOJE – Kviečiame | LIETUVOS JŪRŲ MUZIEJAUS VEIKLAS!

Šiomet minime Lietuvos jūrinio buriavimo 100-metį. Viena šios sukakties kulminacinių akimirkų, pažyminių, koks ilgas kelias nueitas, kiek užaugta ir pasiekta - pirmą kartą mūsų šalyje rengiamas Europos ORC jūrinio buriavimo čempionatas. Kviečiame drauge atverti dar vieną šios istorijos puslapį!

Čempionato metu kviečiame užsukti į Regatos miestelį, kur jūsų laukia Lietuvos jūrų muziejaus edukacinės veiklos:

- virtualios realybės filmas „Ateities Baltija: distopija ar realybė?“;
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📅 Edukacijų laikai:
• Rugpjūčio 8 d. | 14.00–19.00
• Rugpjūčio 9 d. | 14.00–19.00
• Rugpjūčio 14 d. | 17.00–19.00
• Rugpjūčio 15 d. | 14.00–19.00

O jau rytoj, rugpjūčio 9 d., 18.30 val., – Lietuvos jūrinio buriavimo 100-mečio parodos „JŪRA. BURĖS. ŽMONĖS.“ atidarymas!

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RUGPJŪČIO 9 D. 18:30
Lietuvos jūrinio buriavimo 100-mečio parodos atidarymas

RUGPJŪČIO 8, 9, 14, 15 D.
Edukacinės Lietuvos jūrų muziejaus veiklos

17. Offer Vegetarian and Vegan Food Options

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

The provision of vegetarian and vegan food options was incorporated in advance into the Championship's sustainability requirements for food service providers. The Sustainability Guidelines specified that vegetarian alternatives should be offered during official meals and, where possible, vegan options should also be made available.

This principle was implemented in practice. Alongside meat-based dishes, Championship catering outlets offered vegetarian and plant-based alternatives, including hot dogs with falafel and plant-based sausages, as well as other vegetable- and plant-based dishes.

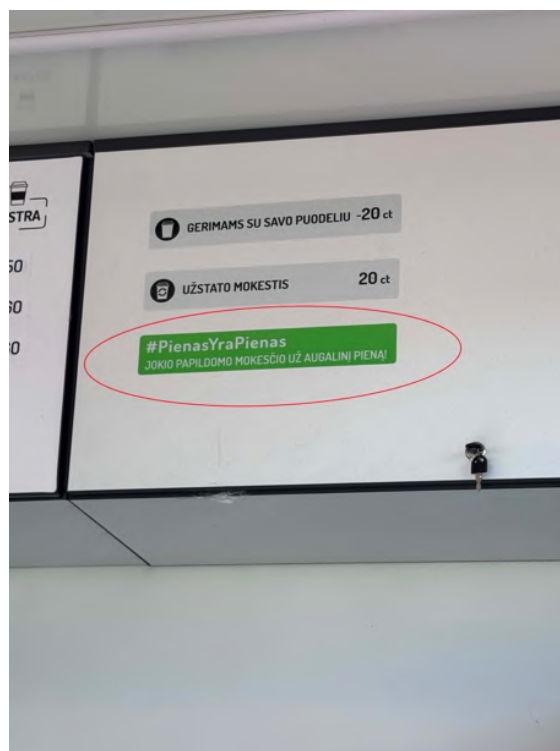
Food service providers also actively encouraged plant-based choices. Vero Cafe offered plant-based milk at no additional charge, allowing visitors to choose a plant-based alternative under the same conditions as regular milk.

Results and Impact

Vegetarian and vegan options were not only included in the Sustainability Guidelines for suppliers but were also available in practice during the event. This provided participants and visitors with a wider variety of food choices and made it easier to choose plant-based alternatives.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for food service providers.
- Photographs of vegetarian and vegan dishes.
- Photographs of catering outlets showing plant-based food options.
- Example of Vero Cafe's offer of plant-based milk at no additional charge.



18. Encourage the Use of Alternative Transportation

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

More sustainable mobility was incorporated into the Championship's Sustainability Guidelines and the sustainability guide for event visitors. Participants and visitors were encouraged, where possible, to walk, cycle, use public transport or share a car, thereby reducing the need for individual motorised transport and limiting vehicle traffic within the event area.

These recommendations were also reflected in practice – during the Championship, visitors were photographed arriving at the Regatta Village by bicycle.

Results and Impact

Alternative modes of transportation were promoted as a simple and practical way for participants and visitors to contribute to the event's sustainability goals. The promotion of more sustainable mobility is supported not only by advance communication but also by the documented use of bicycles during the event.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability guide for event visitors and Sustainability Guidelines.
- Communication materials promoting recommended alternative modes of transportation.
- Professional photographs showing visitors arriving at the event by bicycle.





19. Reduce Emissions Generated During Event Days

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

During the Championship, specific organisational, technical and logistical measures were applied to reduce unnecessary transport movements, support boat trips, fuel consumption and energy use.

The main event functions were concentrated within the Regatta Village and the surrounding port area. Staff and volunteers moved around the event area on foot, official activities took place within walking distance, and participants' yachts remained berthed in the marina throughout the Championship, eliminating the need for additional transport to reach them.

Information provided by the technical team also confirms specific emission-reduction measures implemented during racing:

- existing navigation marks were used for race courses wherever possible, reducing the need to deploy and service additional marks;
- the main race committee boat remained anchored in one location throughout the racing day;
- organisers' support boats remained in the water during the racing day, avoiding unnecessary launching and recovery;
- support boat trips were optimised by combining several tasks into a single trip;
- one lifting mechanism was used for launching vessels;
- logistics were consolidated – for example, team lunches were delivered in one combined trip.

Daily operational communication was conducted via WhatsApp, Manage2Sail and other digital channels, avoiding paper-based operational communication and reducing the need for physical delivery of information.

The need for additional transport was further reduced by the possibility of watching the races from shore – from Smiltynė, Melnragė and the Cruise Ship Terminal. This meant that spectators did not require additional marine transport to follow the racing.

Results and Impact

Emission reduction principles were practically integrated into the day-to-day organisation of the Championship: transport needs were reduced, support boat use and logistics were optimised, existing infrastructure was utilised, activities were concentrated within a walkable area, and operational communication was managed digitally.

Together, these measures helped reduce unnecessary vehicle and support boat trips, engine operating time, and fuel and energy consumption associated with event logistics.

Supporting Evidence:

- Technical team confirmations regarding the use of existing navigation marks, race committee and organiser support boats, and logistics optimisation.
- Photographs of the Regatta Village, marina and race operations.
- Photographs documenting race viewing from shore.
- Sustainability Guidelines addressing more sustainable mobility.



20. Inspire Further Sustainable Action

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** ✓

Implementation

The Championship's sustainability programme was designed not only around measures implemented during the event itself, but also to encourage the long-term engagement of participants, visitors and the wider sailing community.

In the Sustainability Guidelines for participants, sailors were encouraged to join the Green Boater initiative and use the digital Green Boating Guide, which provides practical guidance on how to sail more responsibly and reduce environmental impact.

At the same time, the shared responsibility of each crew was emphasised – following sustainability principles was presented not as the responsibility of one designated individual, but as part of the everyday behaviour of the entire team.

This Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026 Sustainability Report also contributes to the event's longer-term impact by documenting the measures implemented, their results and practical examples. The experience and good practices gained through the Championship are intended to be shared with other event organisers and the wider sailing community.

This approach was summarised by the Championship's overall sustainability slogan:

"Small steps to a big and clean regatta."

Results and Impact

The solutions tested and experience gained during the Championship provide a foundation for continuing responsible practices beyond the event and applying good practices at future events. In this way, the Clean Regattas principles were presented not as a one-off certification process, but as part of a long-term culture of responsible sailing.

Supporting Evidence:

- Sustainability Guidelines for participants and the invitation to continue sustainable practices beyond the event.
- Information about the Green Boater initiative and the Green Boating Guide.
- Championship communication and educational activities promoting responsible behaviour.
- Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026 Sustainability Report and the planned sharing of its good practices.



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SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

The sustainability programme of the Klaipėda ORC European Championship 2026 demonstrated that the Clean Regattas principles can be practically integrated into different stages of organising an international sailing event – from the preparation phase, supplier engagement and event management to catering, waste management, communication with participants and visitors, education and the protection of the Baltic Sea.

During the Championship, specific measures were implemented to reduce single-use plastics, promote reusable alternatives, ensure proper waste separation, reduce food waste, encourage more sustainable mobility and food choices, use digital event management solutions, and raise awareness among participants and visitors about the protection of the Baltic Sea and its ecosystems. An important part of the programme was active engagement – participants, suppliers, volunteers, partners, the Green Team and visitors to the Regatta Village all contributed to the event's sustainability goals.

This report is intended not only to document the measures implemented, but also to preserve the experience and good practices gained for future events. The solutions tested during the Championship can be further developed and adapted for other sailing and sporting events in Klaipėda and across the Baltic region.

Small steps to a big and clean regatta.

