



# Oyster Palma Regatta 2024

21-25 September  
Port Adriano, Mallorca



Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta  
Platinum Level Sustainability Report



# Oyster Yachts Sustainability

The future of the oceans is in our hands and Oyster are committed to becoming the world's most sustainable yacht business, delivering experiences, adventures under sail with a positive impact on the planet.

By 2030, our ambition is to produce a yacht in the most sustainable manner possible, and one that can be entirely self-sufficient.

We recognise our responsibilities and are taking an ambitious approach to minimising our environmental impact by setting clear and achievable sustainability goals. As part of this, we have reviewed every aspect of our operations to minimise waste, reduce energy use and plastic consumption, whilst also considering the materials we use to manufacture our yachts.

Oyster are proud to be working with Sailors for the Sea across a number of our events such as Regattas and Oyster World Rally, to minimise the impact the event and the participants that attend them have on the environment.

After achieving Platinum certification at the Oyster Palma Regatta 2022 and 2023, our aim is to maintain this at all future Palma Regattas going forward.



# Best Practice 1 - Eliminate Single-Use Water bottles and provide refill stations

We communicated to participants prior to the Regatta that there would be no single-use plastic at the event and asked that they bought their own reusable water bottles to use throughout the regatta.

We placed a Cleanwave water refill station on the dock at Port Adriano so participants could refill their reusable water with drinking water.

All caterers were briefed not to serve any single use plastic items.



## Best Practice 2 - Eliminate Plastic Straws

Only 100% natural and biodegradable or reusable straws were offered at the Regatta.



# Best Practice 3 - Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

All caterers involved with the regatta had to use environmentally friendly sound alternatives to single-use plastics.

All drinks were served in glasses and food on reusable dinnerware.

At dock parties, beer was served in glass bottles and aluminium cans which were recycled.





## Best Practice 4 – Use or Provide Reusable Bags

Our Regatta partner B&G provided a waterproof dry bag for all yachts to use throughout the week and in the future.



# Best Practice 5 – Award Practical Items or use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

Our Event Partner Lewmar awarded winch kits as prizes, and Pantaenius gave lifejackets as practical prizes.

The Overall prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class were handmade from wood.

The class winners were awarded the perpetual Oyster Regatta trophy which is awarded every year.





# Best Practice 6 – Publicize your sustainability efforts

## On social media

Our sustainability efforts were posted on social media, to our audience of 199k followers, showcasing the Cleanwave water fountain, our electronic communication methods, reusable bags and perpetual Oyster Cup trophy.





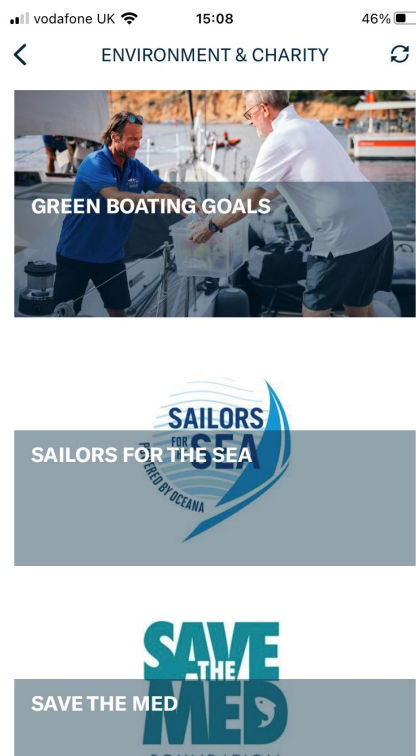


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## On the Oyster Event app

The Environment and Charity section on the event app included information on the organisations we were working with, including Sailors for the Sea, SAVE THE MED, Cleanwave and Yachting Gives Back.

Links to each organisation's website was included so participants could learn more about what they do.







### A CLEAN REGATTA

Oyster continues its sustainability pledge at the Oyster Palma Regatta 2024 and will be working with Port Adriano and all venues and suppliers to minimise the impact the event has on the environment. We encourage all participants to make smart choices and follow Oyster's sustainability goals where possible please.

Thanks to the participants and organisations involved in previous Oyster Regattas, we are proud to have achieved Platinum Level Clean Regatta Certification in 2023 and 2022, following Gold in 2019 and Bronze in 2018.

**How Oyster is helping to make this a Clean Regatta:**



- ✓ **NO SINGLE USE PLASTICS**  
We have removed the need for single-use plastics at the Regatta by providing a Cleanwave water refill fountain for you to refill your reusable water bottles. We have ensured all caterers use environmentally sound alternatives to single-use plastics.
- ✓ **PAPERLESS**  
We are cutting down on waste by sharing all Regatta documents electronically via email or the Oyster app.
- ✓ **SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**  
[SAVE THE MED](#), [Cleanwave Foundation](#) and [Yachting Gives Back](#).



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On the Oyster Yachts website – [www.oysteryachts.com/about/](http://www.oysteryachts.com/about/)

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## SAILING WITH PURPOSE

### A collaboration for change

#### OUR COMMITMENT

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All the practical actions we are taking, both large and small, when combined will have a material positive impact on our planet and oceans, and help us work towards our primary goal by 2030.



# Best Practice 7 – Involve Local Organisations

We worked with local organisations SAVE THE MED and Yachting Gives Back.

Participants donated to SAVE THE MED foundation, to help vital research in the Balearics. The donation box on the Regatta entry form is shown below.

Donation to 'SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION' (All donations received will be passed directly to the foundation)	AMOUNT	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total amount due in £ Sterling</b>	AMOUNT	

## SAVE THE MED foundation

Are a marine conservation organisation based in the Balearic Islands focussed on regenerating the Mediterranean Sea. Their main focus is marine protection and pollution reduction.

## Yachting Gives Back

Yachting gives back was set up to fight hunger and poverty in Mallorca. The team of YGB collect food and other necessities from the yachting community, and in particular the main shipyard in STP where yachts drop off supplies with will be taken to those in need.





# Best Practice 8 – Post Educational and Reusable Signage

All educational signage was posted electronically to help aid our ‘paperless’ approach.

The Regatta Green Boating Goals were shared on the Oyster app which could be downloaded and printed by the participants if desired.



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# Best Practice 9 – Serve Local Food and Source Seafood Sustainably

All caterers were local and used local ingredients where possible.





# Best Practice 10 – Organise a Green Team

Oyster Regatta Green Team Charlie and Rachel were on site during the Regatta educating and encouraging participants to follow the Regatta Boating Goals.



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# Best Practice 11 – Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Recycling bins at Port Adriano were outlined on this plan, and distributed on the app



## Green Point

Should you need to drop something off at the Green Point and you find it closed, **please do not leave it on the ground**, please call

**Security** → 647 832 454

**Port Staff** → 678 788 072

**Maintenance** → 647 832 462

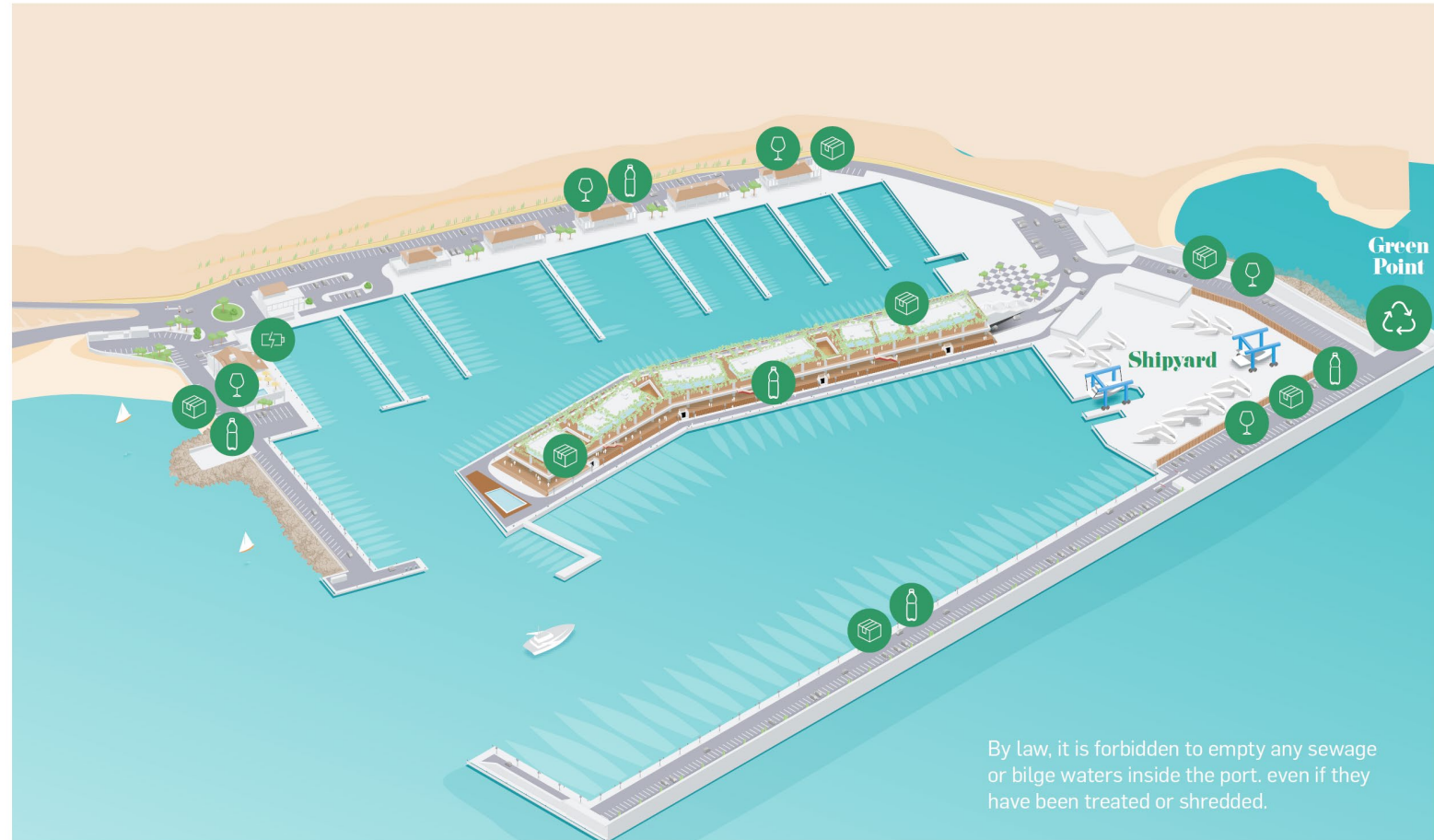
**Channel** → VHF9

## Glass

## Paper

## Plastic

## Batteries



By law, it is forbidden to empty any sewage or bilge waters inside the port, even if they have been treated or shredded.



# Best Practice 12 – Divert Food waste from landfill

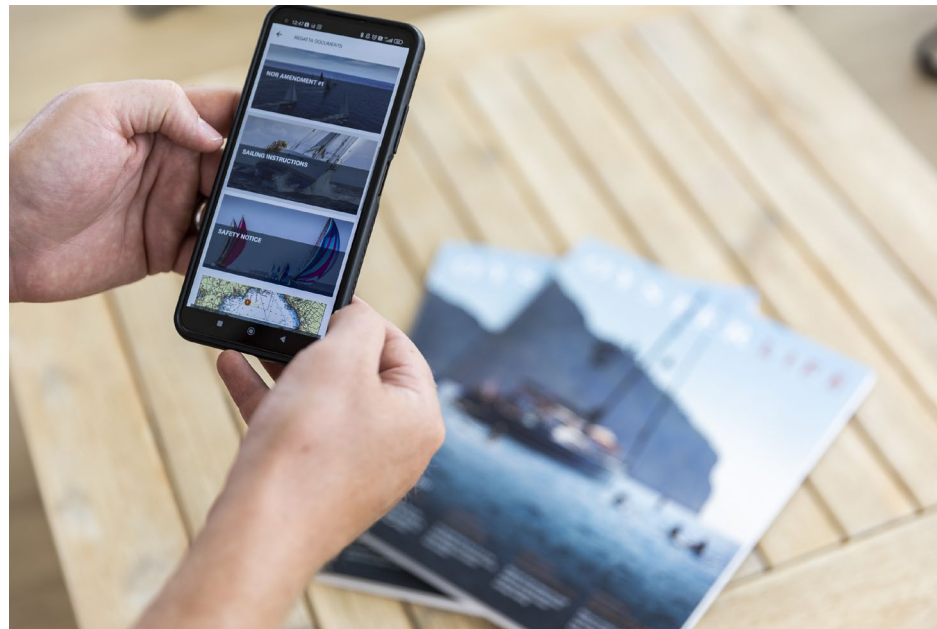
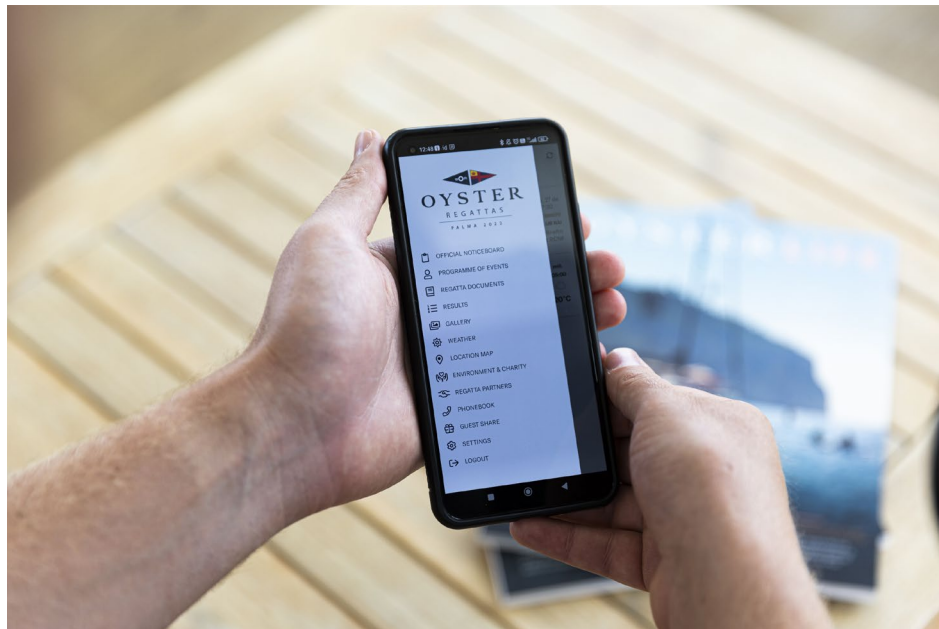
We worked with local organisation Yachting Gives Back who collected left-over regatta lunches at the end of each race day to donate to local homeless shelters. This in turn helped to divert waste from landfill.



# Best Practice 13 – Use Paperless Event Management

All regatta documents were shared through the Oyster app and email, none were printed, which reduced a huge amount of paper waste at the event.

We believe 400 + sheets of paper were saved by using the app instead of printing race documents.





# Best Practice 14 – Host a Beach or Marina clean up

Oyster is proud to be working with Port Adriano marina who are passionate and committed to sustainability and who are actively making a difference. Please see below information about the initiatives they run and organisations they support.

## Our commitment to the conservation and protection of the environment at sea and on the coast is based on:

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- **Optimizing** water and energy consumption
  - **Preventing pollution**
  - **Promoting selective waste** collection
  - **Controlling and reducing atmospheric and noise pollution**
  - **Defining and ensuring emergency plans**
  - **Complying** with applicable legislation
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- **Training workers** in sustainability and occupational health and safety
  - **Encouraging** proactive and positive environmental practices among users, customers and suppliers
  - **Initiating such practices ourselves** with events such as Plastic Day or collaborate with important associations and causes such as The Seabin, Project, Palma Aquarium Foundation, Calvià City Council's Posidonia Campaign, Mar de Fondo, Project Zero, Save the Med, CleanWave Foundation, etc



## Seabin Project collaboration

In 2017, thanks to the collaboration with the Seabin Project, consisting of the installation of a revolutionary floating litter bin that collects plastics from the sea, Port Adriano received an award from the Balearic Government for the best CSR initiative, being the first Seabin pilot port.



## Collaboration agreement between Port Adriano and the Palma Aquarium Foundation

The collaboration agreement between Port Adriano and the Palma Aquarium Foundation actively promotes the conservation of the biodiversity of our seas and oceans. This agreement has three main lines of action:

- Organising training and awareness days for the various interest groups such as schoolchildren, port users and workers.
- Distribution of didactic material based on environmental education and sustainability.
- Active maintenance of a system of assistance to endangered marine species, which focuses especially on the recovery and treatment of sea turtles.

## CLEANWAVE

### Cleanwave Collaboration

Port Adriano collaborates with the Cleanwave Foundation. Among several of its projects is MedGardens, which mission is to regenerate Mediterranean underwater forests. Among the actions that this foundation provides in Port Adriano are talks and round tables on marine regeneration and plastic prevention. Workshops on marine citizen science, Art Showroom for marine regeneration with talks, exhibitions, art auctions, workshops for children.





## Collaboration agreement with SAVE the MED

Port Adriano collaborates with SAVE THE MED Foundation, providing them with a mooring for the NGO's boat and through recreational and environmental actions for the community.



## Port Adriano always supports local sport for children and young people.

As a socially responsible action in Port Adriano, we are also sponsors of the teams of Bàsquet Calvià, Club de Atletismo Sporting de Calvià, Fútbol Sala (ETB Calvià) to help these clubs to develop sports programmes for the youngest of our community on a continuous basis.

# Best Practice 15 – Promote Alternative Transportation

Brompton bikes were provided for participants to travel around the marina, reducing the need for cars and taxis





## Best Practice 17 – Offer Vegetarian or Vegan alternatives

Vegetarian options were served with every meal at the Regatta, and were always available to pre-order for sit down functions.

## Best Practice 18 – Use eco-smart Race Management Techniques

- The race committee sent updates and results through the oyster app, nothing was printed
- We did not use any bow or mark stickers at the event

# Best Practice 19 – Prevent Toxins entering the water

Participants were advised to be mindful of what goes in the ocean, in the Regatta Green Boating Goals and by the Green Team.

Notably, ensuring only non-toxic cleaning products and sun creams were used.

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# Best Practice 20 – Encourage Green Boating Practices

We created 5 Regatta Green Boating Goals for participants to follow and shared on the event app:

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