

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT FOR ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES



ELIMINATE SINGLE USE ITEMS

Eliminate single-use water bottles

In Competitor Bulletins sent to all competitors and posted on the regatta website, racers were asked to bring their own reusable water bottles and use water refilling stations.

Reusable aluminum cups were given out at the beer station.

Water refilling stations were on the dock with Clean Regatta signage.

StFYC has upgraded all water fountains in the club to be both fountains + bottle filling stations.

CLEAN REGATTA

Rolex Big Boat Series is aiming for Platinum-Level Clean Regatta certification by Sailors for the Sea. Don't forget to bring your favorite water bottle! There will be plenty of water refilling stations throughout the venue.

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BEING GREEN



SAILORS FOR THE SEA CERTIFICATION

Help by bringing your own water bottle to refill at stations in the Clubhouse and the Regatta Plaza.







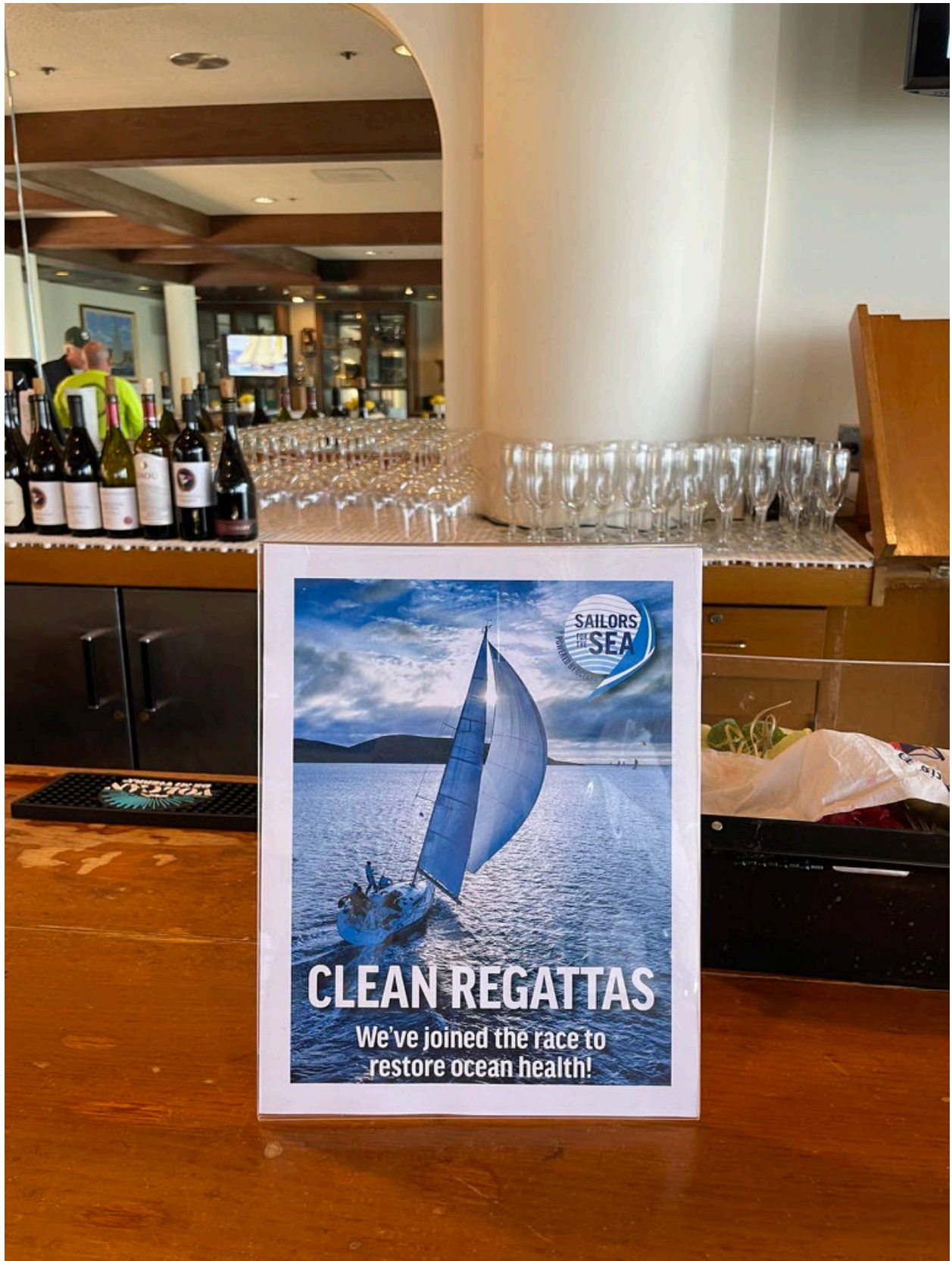




Eliminate single-use straws

Generally, straws were not offered, but if they were available inside the club, they were compostable.

Signage was posted at bar about clean regattas.



Serve food with plastic free dinnerware

All clubhouse food and beverages were served in/on/with washable or compostable glasses/plates/silverware.









Skip bags or go reusable

The skipper bags were reusable fabric totes.



Award practical items or use a perpetual or upcycled trophy
Perpetual trophies and practical items were awarded (watches, vases).





COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Publicize your sustainability efforts

Race office put in competitor bulletins and on website that regatta is a target platinum level regatta.

Sailors for the Sea logos and clean regatta info were on the website, club communications as well as the signage at the club.

Communications team posted on social media about efforts to reach platinum level.

[Rolex Big Boat Series](#) [September 11 at 3:32 PM](#)

The Rolex Big Boat Series is striving to achieve Platinum Level Clean Regatta Status with [Sailors for the Sea](#)! 🌍✨ Let's all do our part to make this event as sustainable as it is thrilling.

Here's how you can help:

♻️ **Recycle & Reduce:** Utilize the recycling bins on site and minimize single-use plastics. Bring your own reusable bottles and containers.

🌱 **Eco-Friendly Products:** Choose reef-safe sunscreen, biodegradable cleaning supplies, and eco-friendly boat maintenance products.



Leave No Trace: Keep our waters and docks free of litter. Dispose of trash responsibly and report any pollution.




Water Conservation: Conserve water while washing down boats—every drop counts! Let's sail towards a cleaner, greener future together!



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Thanks for protecting our oceans! Keep up the great work 

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WATER
TAXI

FAST

HOURS:
8:30AM - 9:30AM
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM



PICKUP/DROP
OFF



St. Francis Yacht Club

ALL BOAT & TRAILER
TENANTS. UNAUTHORIZED
CLUB PREMISES WILL
BE TOWED AWAY AT
OWNER'S RISK.

ALL BOAT OWNERS
DOCKMASTER BEFORE
REGATTA PARTICIPATION.

REGATTA PARTICIPANTS
DOCKS NO LATER THAN
10:00 AM.

ST. FRANCIS YACHT
PROPERTY LEFT ON THE
DOCK WILL BE DISPOSED OF WITH
OUT NOTICE.

Thank You
TO OUR SPONSORS



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AND SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS







St. Francis Yacht Club is aiming for Platinum Level Clean Regatta status with Sailors for the Sea for this event. The Clean Regatta program is the world's only sustainability certification for water-based events.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Eliminate single-use plastic bottles—use reusable water bottles and cups and water refilling stations.
- Skip the plastic straws.
- Use plastic-free dinnerware.
- Skip plastic bags or go reusable.
- Skip individually wrapped products.
- Avoid alternative transportation or carpool around the city and to the clubhouse.
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- Use coral-safe sunscreen.
- Use water-only boat washdowns.
- Dispose of items properly in our landfill, recycle and compost bins.
- Participate in our marine cleanup event.
- Learn more about marine conservation from our Sustainability Partners.
- Keep track of your green boating practices and share your efforts on social media; tag @sfyyc in your posts.



CHECK OUT THE GREEN BOATER GUIDE FROM SAILORS FOR THE SEA

Involve local organizations.

At the Wednesday Yachting Lunch during the regatta, the founder of Sails to Shelter spoke about their efforts to reuse sails for shelters.

Competitor Bulletin asked participants to meet and support our marine conservation partners.

At regatta plaza on the dock, marine conservation partners had tables, materials and staff discussing their work. They distributed information about their programs and how to get involved in their nonprofits. Nonprofits at regatta plaza with tables were Baykeeper, Ocean Voyages Institute, Sankari Studios, and International Ocean Film Foundation.





Visit our Sustainability Partners at Regatta Plaza.

- Donate your used sails to [Sail to Shelter](#)
- Local Initiatives with [International Ocean Film Festival](#)
- Learn about [Ocean Voyages Institute](#)

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Post reusable educational signage



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Serve local food or source seafood sustainably

The club served locally-sourced vegetables, meat, and beverages when available.





RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Organize a green team

We have a large green team, including regatta committee members, executive race committee members, race office staff and other club staff (events and media/communications teams). We shared responsibilities.

Regatta committee members met regularly to coordinate all of the sustainability efforts and the sustainability chair had responsibility to make sure all requirements were met. ERC met monthly with the sustainability chair who provided monthly reports. At the meetings the committee discussed progress made in organizing the event as well as troubleshooted when needed. Green team members worked at the event to deal with any issues that arose related to signage, waste disposal, eliminating plastics and green boating practices.

Club staff contributed many hours to making the event sustainable before and during the regatta.

Race office staff handled all notices sent to participants about rules for the regatta related to sustainability.

Staff is trained to sort through the bins if they notice items are incorrectly disposed. Staff hung the banners and posted other signage throughout the venue. Staff ordered and set up the reusable plates, cups and utensils. Staff posted information about sustainability efforts on social media.

Green team members participated in the beach cleanup.







Ensure proper waste bin placement and signage

The club maintained separate recycling, composting and trash bins where the event was held. Composting of all food scraps and compostable goods was done by Recology. Recycling of all bottles, cans, plastic, glass, and cardboard was done by Recology.







Divert food waste from landfill

Club has set up composting services. Staff is trained to sort through the bins if they notice items are incorrectly disposed.

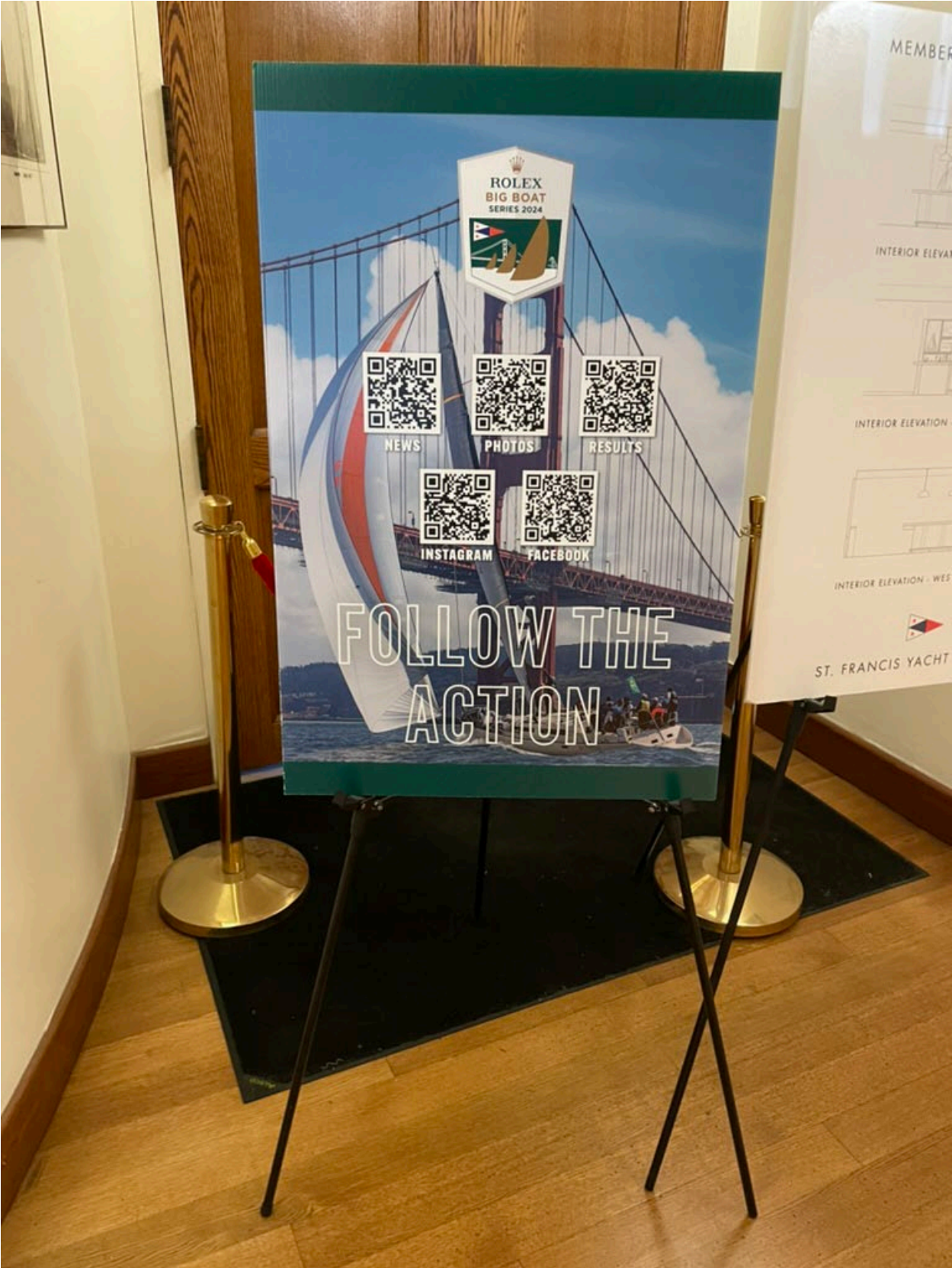
Clean regatta signs posted about not wasting food.





Use paperless event management

Used online regatta management software for registration and results reporting. Participants received information on the regatta website.





FOLLOW
THE
ACTION



NEWS



RESULTS



PHOTOS



INSTAGRAM



FACEBOOK

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Host a beach or marina cleanup

Regatta had a beach cleanup on the morning the regatta started at Crissy Field next to the club. The beach cleanup was included in the race schedule on the website.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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[WEDNESDAY 09/11](#)

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[THURSDAY 09/12](#)

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[FRIDAY 09/13](#)

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[SATURDAY 09/14](#)

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[SUNDAY 09/15](#)

PRE-RACE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0900-1200	Crissy Field Beach Cleanup - Register Participate to support our Clean Regatta Efforts	Crissy Field Beach
1000-1730	Registration	StFYC
1730	Competitors' Briefing	StFYC
1800-2000	Rolex Commodore's Reception	Rolex Regatta Tent

<https://rolexbigboatseries.com/race-information#schedule>



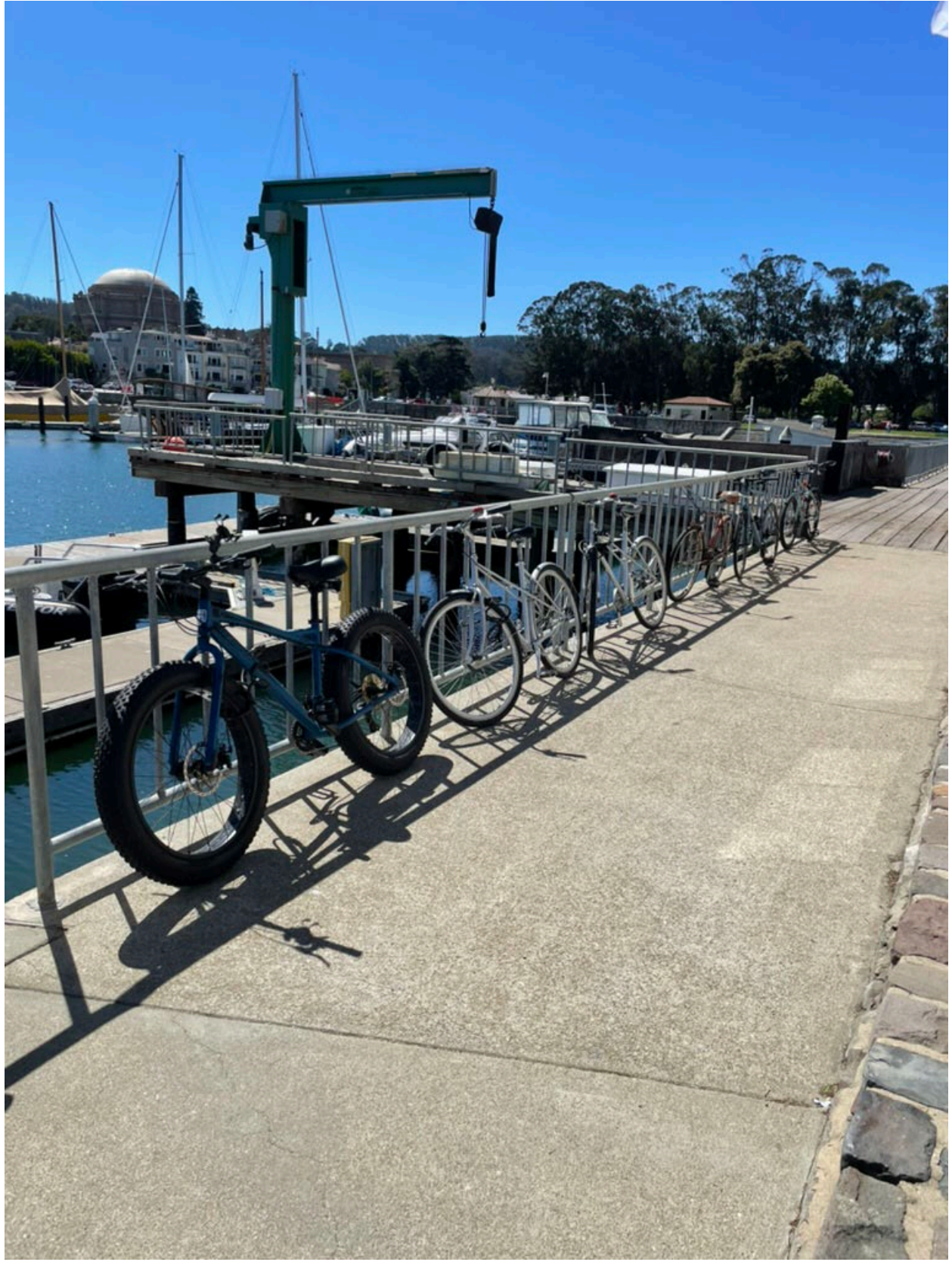


Promote sustainable alternative transportation

Race office used electric transport to bring staff and materials to the regatta staging area.

Participants were encouraged to carpool and bike to the club.





Increase awareness of wildlife and habitat protection

Baykeeper distributed information about their efforts to protect the bay and asked participants to sign up to get updates. Sankari Studios told participants about their video game that

educates players about ocean conservation.





Offer vegetarian or vegan alternatives

Participants had the option of getting a vegetarian or vegan alternative at the owner dinner and had options at the buffets.



GREEN BOATING

Use eco-smart management techniques

The spectator area was at the club so spectators were not on gas powered boats.





Prevent toxins from entering water

Water-only washdowns are the only practice that has been used at this club for years. Sailors for the Sea Green Boating Guide was shared with participants on signage and materials at the club.





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Encourage green boating practices

Signage included info and shared green boating guide (see above response).