

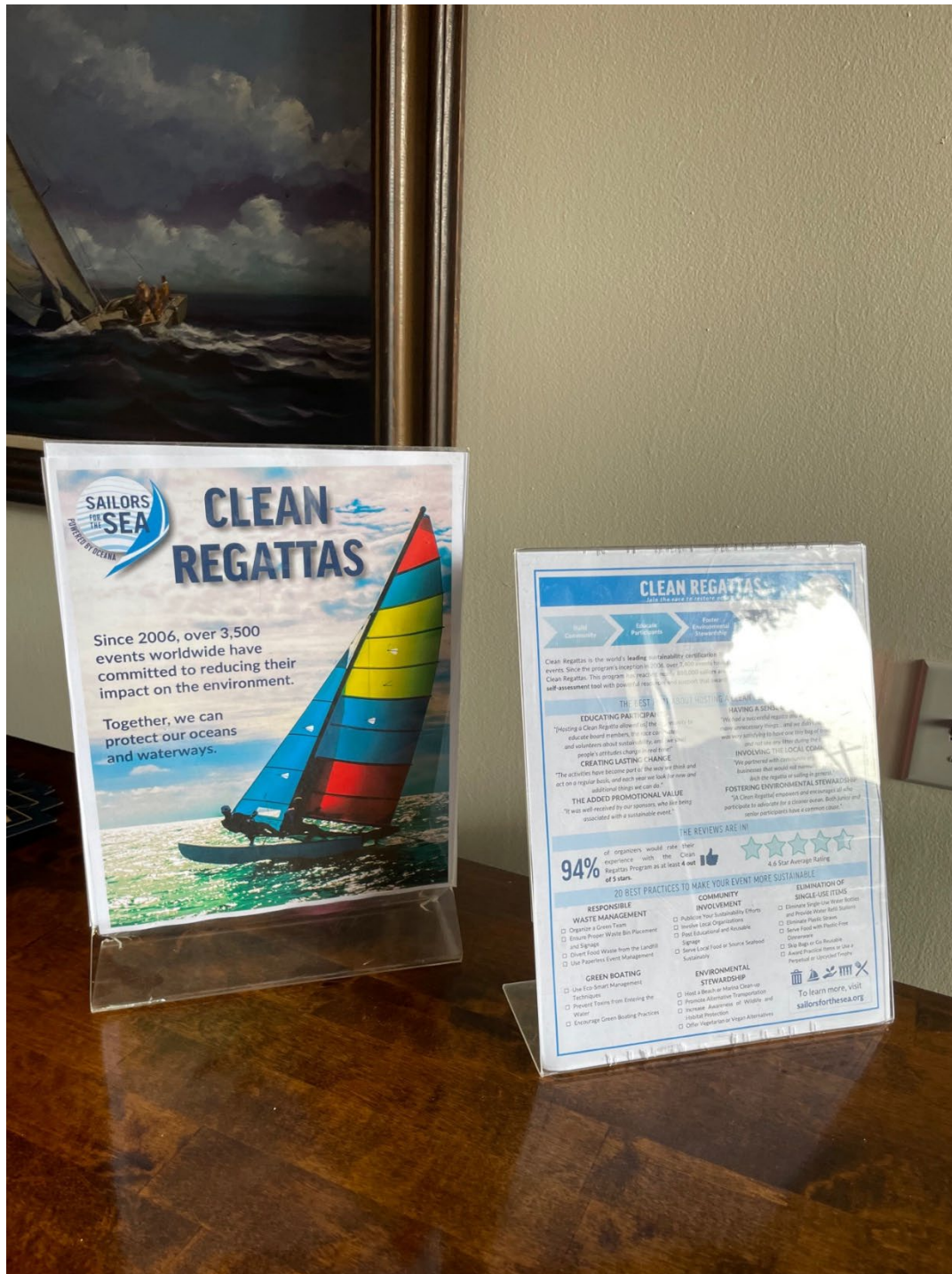
SUSTAINABILITY REPORT FOR ROLEX BIG BOAT SERIES 2025



ELIMINATE SINGLE USE ITEMS

Eliminate single-use water bottles and provide water refill stations

The regatta had signage and communications throughout the club about eliminating single use water bottles.



Reusable aluminum cups were given out at the beer station with signage asking sailors to reuse the cups.





BREAKFAST

ORANGE JUICE	\$3
MILK	\$3
BREAKFAST BURRITO Egg, Bacon & Cheese	\$12
BREAKFAST BURRITO Egg & Cheese	\$11
BREAKFAST BURRITO Eggs only	\$12
BREAKFAST SANDWICH Egg, Ham, Cheese on Croissant	\$12
BREAKFAST SANDWICH Egg, Sausage, Cheese on English Muffin	\$4
ENERGY BAR	
ASSORTED DOUGHNUTS	
WHOLE FRUIT	

Water refilling stations were on the dock.



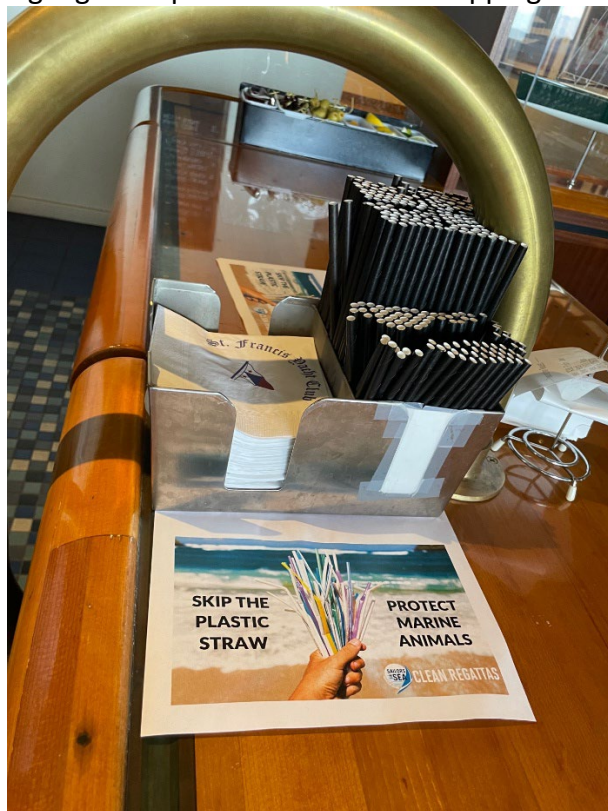


StFYC has upgraded all water fountains in the club to be both fountains + bottle filling stations.

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 skipping the use of straws.



Serve food with plastic free dinnerware

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







Skip bags or go reusable

The skipper bags given out are reusable fabric totes.



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



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Publicize your sustainability efforts

Race office put in competitor bulletins and on website that regatta is a target platinum level regatta. <https://rolexbigboatseries.com/event-information#green>

https://youtu.be/wlwe6_p6O9Q?feature=shared

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



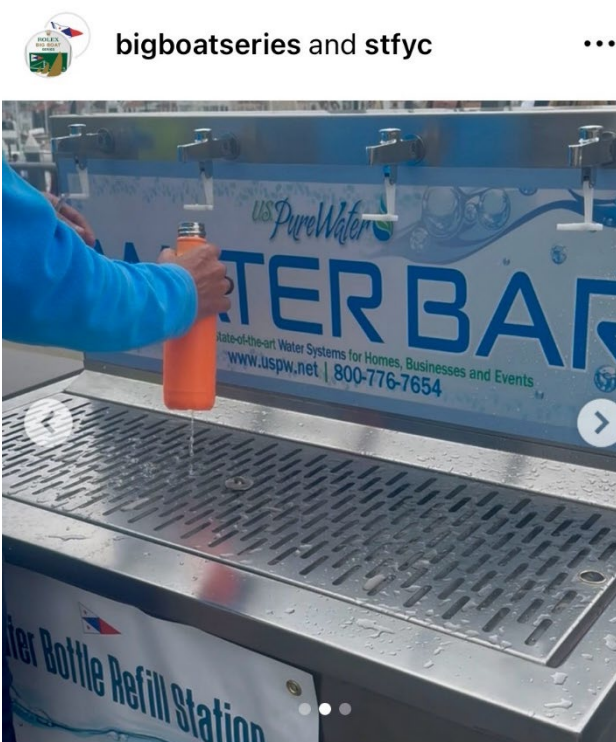
BEING GREEN



SAILORS FOR THE SEA CERTIFICATION

Rolex Big Boat Series is certified with Sailors for the Sea—its highest as a Platinum Level Clean Regatta distinction, meaning it meets certain sustainability and environmental initiatives. Help by bringing your own water bottle to refill at stations in the Clubhouse and the Regatta Plaza. All Club-provided cups, plates and containers will be biodegradable and all food waste will be composted.

Communications team posted on social media about efforts to reach platinum level. (See St. Francis Yacht Club and RBBS Instagram posts).



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We're proud to be recognized as a

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- ♻️ Separate your trash properly
- 🧹 Join us tomorrow at 8:30 AM at Crissy Field for a Beach Clean Up!
- 🚢 Bring in your old sails to be turned into Shelters instead of Garbage Dumps

A big thank you to our Sustainability Partners:

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@intloceanfilmfest @oceansf.co
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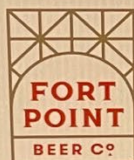
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PLASTIC ODYSSEY



Involve local organizations.

Communications spread the word about our marine conservation partners.

<https://rolexbigboatseries.com/event-information#green>

CONSERVATION PARTNERS



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[PLASTIC ODYSSEY](#)

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 International Ocean Film Foundation, Sail to Shelter and Plastic Odyssey.

Visit our Sustainability Partners at Regatta Plaza.

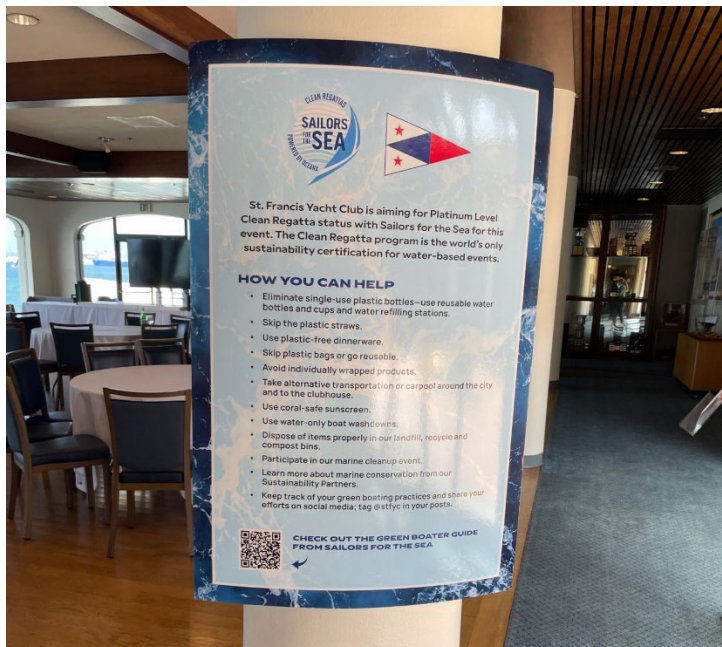
- Donate your used sails to [Sail to Shelter](#)
- Local Initiatives with [International Ocean Film Festival](#)
- Learn about [Plastic Odyssey](#)

<https://rolexbigboatseries.com/news/article/competitor-bulletin-3-25>





Post educational sand reusable signage



Serve local food or source seafood sustainably

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



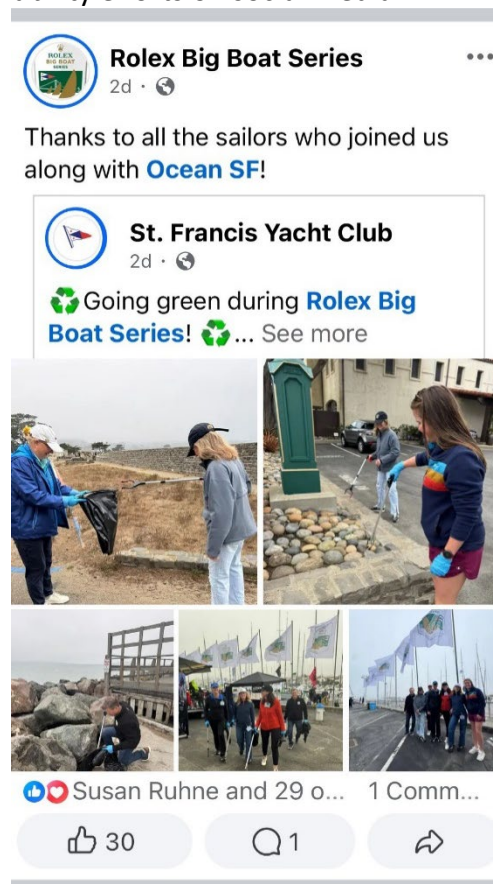
RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Organize a green team

We have a large green team, including regatta committee members, executive race committee members, volunteer 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. Green team members participated in the beach cleanup. 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.



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.



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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Host a beach or marina cleanup

The beach cleanup on the morning before racing started on the second day was included in the race schedule on the website.

<https://rolexbigboatseries.com/event-information#plaza>

FRIDAY 09/12

0730

Breakfast - Grab n' Go items for purchase

Regatta Plaza

0830

Beach Cleanup

Meet up at Regatta Plaza

Post racing

Hosted Dock-Side Beer

Regatta Plaza

1700

Mount Gay Lawn Party hosted cocktails & Food Trucks

Rolex Regatta Tent

The beach cleanup was mentioned in our club's newsletter.



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Thanks to all the sailors who joined us along with **Ocean SF!**



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Going green during **Rolex Big Boat Series!** ... See more



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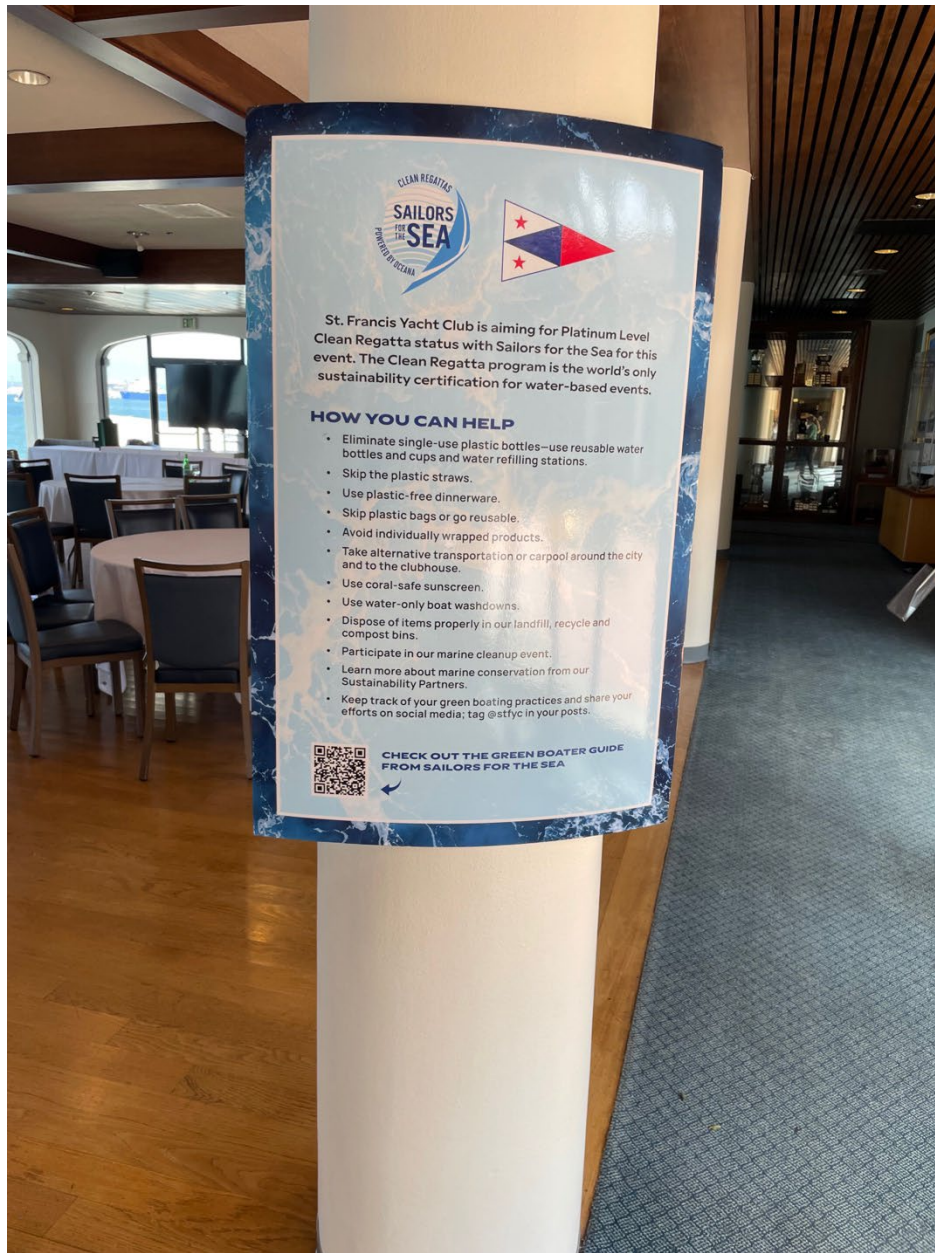
What's on for Friday?

Tomorrow, join us for a beach cleanup at 8:30am with one of our Marine Conservation Partners, Ocean SF. Meet up at Regatta Plaza with **Meg Ruxton**, our RBBS Sustainability Chair, then head help clean up our precious shoreline. Once again, we're aiming for Platinum Level Clean Regatta status from [Sailors for the Sea](#), and in addition to a beach cleanup, we're encouraging sailors to reduce their waste with our reusable water bottle filling stations, reusable beverage cups at our socials and other green boating practices.



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's Green Boating Guide was shared with participants on signage and materials at the club.







CLEAN REGATTAS

Since 2006, over 3,500 events worldwide have committed to reducing their impact on the environment.

Together, we can protect our oceans and waterways.



CLEAN REGATTAS

Join the race to restore our oceans.

Raise Community

Educate Participants

Foster Environmental Stewardship

Clean Regattas is the world's leading sustainability certification for sailing events. Since the program's inception in 2006, over 3,500 events have joined the Clean Regattas. The program has reached over 400,000 sailors and has been a self-assessment tool with powerful results and support that will help you achieve your goals.

THE BEST REASONS TO HOST A CLEAN REGATTA

EDUCATING PARTICIPANTS
"Hosting a Clean Regatta allowed us the opportunity to educate board members, the race committee, and volunteers about sustainability, and we hope people's attitudes change in real time."
CREATING LASTING CHANGE
"The activities have become part of the way we think and act on a regular basis, and each year we look for new and additional things we can do."
THE ADDED PROMOTIONAL VALUE
"It was well received by our sponsors, who like being associated with a sustainable event."

HAVING A SENSE OF PURPOSE
"We had a successful regatta and we didn't have any unnecessary items, and we didn't have any waste during the regatta."
IMPROVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
"We partnered with community organizations that would not have been able to do so on their own."
FOSTERING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
"A Clean Regatta empowers and encourages all who participate to advocate for a cleaner ocean. Both sailor and non-sailor participants have a common cause."

THE REVIEWS ARE IN!

94% of organizers would rate their experience with the Clean Regattas Program as at least 4 out of 5 stars.

20 BEST PRACTICES TO MAKE YOUR EVENT MORE SUSTAINABLE

<p>RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Organize a Green Team <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage <input type="checkbox"/> Divert Food Waste from the Landfill <input type="checkbox"/> Use Paperless Event Management <p>GREEN BOATING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use Eco-Smart Management Techniques <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage Green Boating Practices 	<p>COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts <input type="checkbox"/> Involve Local Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Post Educational and Renewable Signage <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably <p>ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up <input type="checkbox"/> Promote Alternative Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives 	<p>ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Plastic Straws <input type="checkbox"/> Serve Food with Plastic-Free Containers <input type="checkbox"/> Skip Bags or Go Reusable <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid Practical Items or Use a Reusable or Unopened Trough
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To learn more, visit sailorsforthesea.org

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Increase awareness of wildlife and habitat protection

Plastic Odyssey, one of our marine conservation partners, distributed information about their efforts to protect the oceans and wildlife habitats.



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.



CLIMATE AWARENESS

Promote sustainable alternative transportation

Participants were encouraged to use alternative transportation in communications. They used carpools and bikes to get to the club.



September 13, 2025

"And if you're coming down to the Clubhouse, consider taking alternative transportation to get here."



Reduce Day-of Emissions

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



A robotic bot was used on the racecourse from MarkSetBot.





Inspire Further Action

Signage and communications included info on green boating practices and shared green boating guide. Green team met with other green teams at the club (including 100 year anniversary, house and women's committees) to plan how to entrench sustainability.