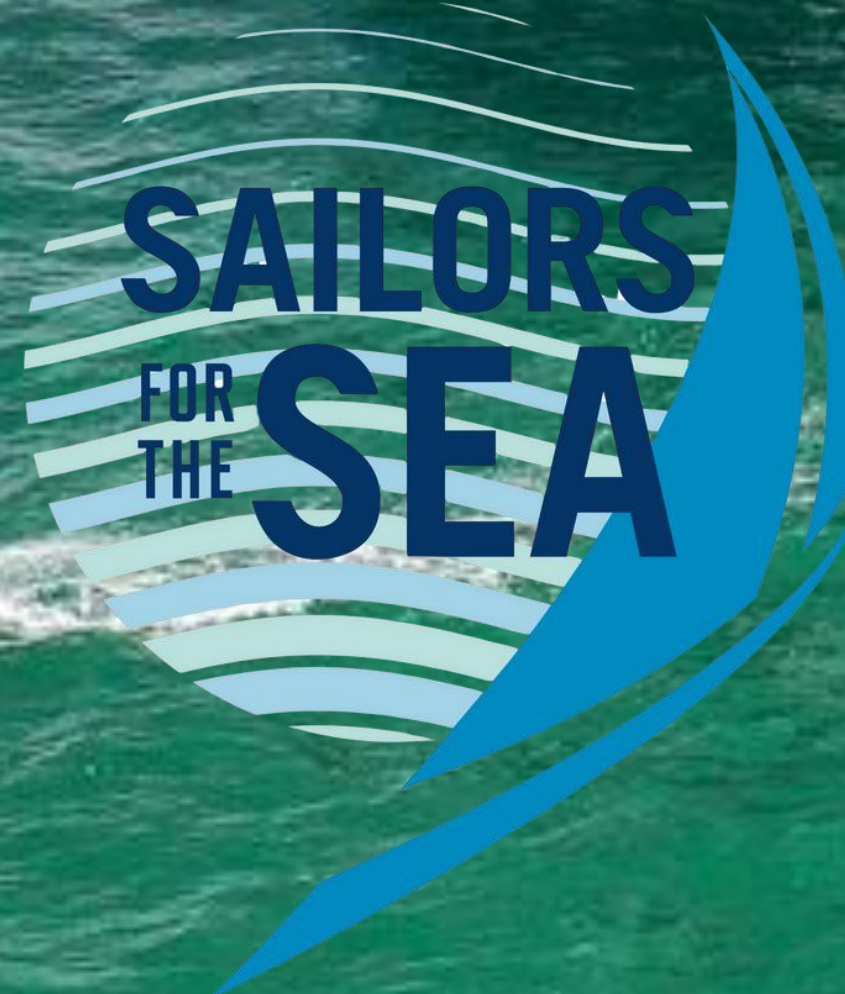




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ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB  
REGATTA 2025

# SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY



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# 250TH REGATTA ETHOS

The Royal Thames Yacht Club is one of the worlds oldest yacht clubs and prides itself on trying to be a leading yacht club in the way it operates and the role it plays in maintaining the maritime environment. It established its own maritime sustainability committee in 2021, which developed a clear set of principles and commitments for its members and the club overall. These are published on our website:

- <https://royalthames.Com/environment-and-sustainability>

For our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta, we were determined to build upon the club's general sustainability aspirations and agree specific objectives for the event which were set out in this 250<sup>th</sup> Regatta Sustainability strategy document.

- [Sustainability strategy document on regatta portal](#)





# CRITERIA - ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

## 1. ELIMINATE SINGLE-USE WATER BOTTLES AND PROVIDE REFILL STATIONS



### RTYC Actions:

1. Installed free water refilling stations at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) and Shepherds Wharf (SW) marinas.
2. Pre-regatta and competition information encouraged all participants not to bring any single use items
3. Highlight to all competitors the availability and location of the various free water fountains
4. Not allow any vendor to sell single use water or other plastic bottles



# CRITERIA - ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

## 2. ELIMINATE PLASTIC STRAWS

### RTYC Actions:

1. Banned all straws – plastic or otherwise from the regatta venue
2. No supplier was allowed to offer straws in their drinks of any type
3. Publicize our decision on all pre- regatta materials and throughout the event



## CRITERIA - ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

### 3. SERVE FOOD WITHIN PLASTIC – FREE DINNERWARE

#### RTYC Actions:

1. Notify and demand all food had to be served in non plastic recyclable containers and cutlery
2. All drinks were served in glass or recyclable aluminum cans – no plastic containers were allowed
3. Free dock drinks provided each day when sailors came off the water were served in RTYC produced recyclable cans



# CRITERIA - ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

## 3. SERVE FOOD WITHIN PLASTIC FREE DINNERWARE





# CRITERIA – ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

## 4. USE OR PROVIDE REUSEABLE BAGS

### RTYC Actions:

1. Registration bags were produced from recyclable materials and reusable
2. Competitor ID tags made from recyclable materials and returned at the end of the regatta for recycling
3. Competitor free drinks vouchers were made of recyclable material





# CRITERIA – ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE ITEMS

## 5. AWARD PRACTICAL ITEMS OR USE A PERPETUAL OR UPCYCLED TROPHY

RTYC Actions: We only used existing class perpetual trophies and keepsakes made from recycled oak.





# CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 6. PUBLICISE YOUR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

### PRESS RELEASE

As part of RTYC's commitment to environmental sustainability, the 250<sup>th</sup> Regatta is looking to achieve **Platinum Level accreditation from Sailors for the Sea**.

[LINK TO THE PRESS RELEASE ON Y&Y](#)

### PUBLISHED ON REGATTA PORTAL


 **250th Regatta Sustainability Strategy**  
issued June 08, 2025 at 15:28

[LINK TO THE STRATEGY REPORT](#)

### RTYC Actions:

1. **Pre-event publicity and materials all explained our plans and overall strategy – see attached**
2. **The display boards throughout The regatta village re-emphasized our sustainability commitments**
3. **Our regatta event portal and press releases reaffirmed our plans**





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### UNITING BOATERS TO PROTECT THE OCEAN



We are looking to achieve the Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum level certification for the 250th Anniversary Regatta

**WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?**



- Dedicated RTYC Green Team onsite  
Daily Marina clean ups
- Food and Drinks served sustainably  
All drinks will be served in glasses or reusable plastic, and food will be served on biodegradable and compostable dinnerware. Post sailing dock beers will be served in recyclable aluminium cans.
- Unused team food will be collected and donated at the end of each day to a local food bank
- We will collect all broken and worn-out boat equipment to be recycled
- Reusable registration bags
- Food vendors to offer Vegetarian or Vegan alternatives

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Use reusable water bottles and refill at the water stations at Cowes Yacht Haven and Shepards Wharf
- Put your rubbish in the bin and remember to recycle
- Prevent toxins from entering the water, by using non-toxic soaps to wash your boat
- Travel by foot, bike or e-scooter
- Turn off your support rib engines when not being used



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE





# CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 7. INVOLVE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### RTYC Actions:

1. Only local food vendors were selected
2. Engaged with the local council, Cowes Harbour Commission, other sailing clubs and retail stores
3. All food produce used with sourced from within a 20 mile radius
4. All tableware suppliers were local
5. All temporary event staff were recruited from the Cowes community
6. Local food banks – surplus food was collected each day by our "green team" and delivered to the isle of wight food bank based in Cowes.
7. Environmental groups and up cycling company – EXTRICKO:  
<https://extricko.com/>



# CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 7. INVOLVE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS





# CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 8. POST EDUCATIONAL AND REUSEABLE SIGNAGE

### RTYC Actions:

1. All signage and flags were produced from recycled materials
2. All displays and signage have been and continue to be reused at other events
3. All flags produced for the regatta are now reused at other Royal Thames events



# CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 8. POST EDUCATIONAL AND REUSEABLE SIGNAGE





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# CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 9. SOURCE LOCAL FOOD AND SOURCE FISH SUSTAINABLY

### RTYC Actions:

1. All local suppliers were required to source their food and other produce from a 25 miles radius – predominantly across the isle of wight.
2. The fish used was all supplied by the Smoking Lobster restaurant and caught in either the Solent and within 10 miles in the English channel  
<https://www.Smoking-lobster.Co.Uk/post/from-sea-to-plate>
3. Other key suppliers were:
  - <https://www.Islandfoodsiow.Co.Uk/>
  - <https://www.Isleofwightmeat.Co.Uk/>
  - <http://www.Huntsfruitandvegetables.Co.Uk/>



## CRITERIA – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### 9. SOURCE LOCAL FOOD AND SOURCE SEAFOOD SUSTAINABLY

#### DOCKSIDE DELIGHTS

##### SMOKING LOBSTER

Award-winning restaurant serving creative Pan-Asian seafood dishes.

##### CALBOURNE CLASSICS

Isle of Wight ice cream from Three Gates Farm in beautiful Newtown Creek

##### THE GARDEN PIZZA

Hand-stretched 9" Pizza

##### THE GARDEN STEAK 'N' SAUCES

Isle of Wight 8oz sirloin steak or 8oz flat iron, served on sumac seasoned fries with a choice of five different sauces

##### NORDIC SMOKERY

Whole sides of high-grade Faroe salmon fillets, slow smoked and blazed over an open wood fire

##### TIPSY WIGHT

Cocktails created using Topsy Wight flavoured vodka, grown or foraged on their family farm on the Isle of Wight

##### IOW COCKTAIL COMPANY

Direct pour, top-quality cocktails with bold flavours and a whole lot of fun

##### SHEER PINK

The best speciality coffee on the Island

##### CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE STAND

Cumberland sausage baps in honour of the Duke of Cumberland



# CRITERIA – RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

## 10. ORGANISE A "GREEN TEAM"

- RTYC Actions:

1. A Royal Thames Yacht Club “green team of six volunteers (four working at any one stage) was created to work along side the staff of both marinas
2. The green team were used to:
  - Collect all rubbish from all boats each day
  - Deliver post races drinks to all sailors on the dock (aluminum beer cans)
  - Walk the two marinas four times each day to ensure clear of rubbish and recycling had been handled correctly
  - Ensured that no bins overflowed, and sufficient capacity was always maintained
  - Provide additional information and guidance on the regattas sustainability objectives



# CRITERIA – RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

## 10. ORGANIZE A GREEN TEAM





# CRITERIA – RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

## 11. ENSURE PROPER WASTE BIN PLACEMENT AND SIGNAGE

### RTYC Actions:

1. Liaised with Cowes Yacht Haven and Shepards Wharf Marinas to ensure sufficient waste and recycling bins were provided and clearly labelled
2. Six core bin stations in prominent positions were created, with additional back up locations which housed the larger site wheely bins
3. Clear signage on locations of the bin areas and type of bin to be used



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# CRITERIA – RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

## 12. DIVERT FOOD WASTE FROM LANDFILL

### RTYC Actions:

1. Local food banks – surplus food, from all participating boats and food vendors was collected each day by our "green team" and delivered to the Isle of Wight food bank based in Cowes.





# CRITERIA – RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

## 13. USE PAPERLESS EVENT MANAGEMENT

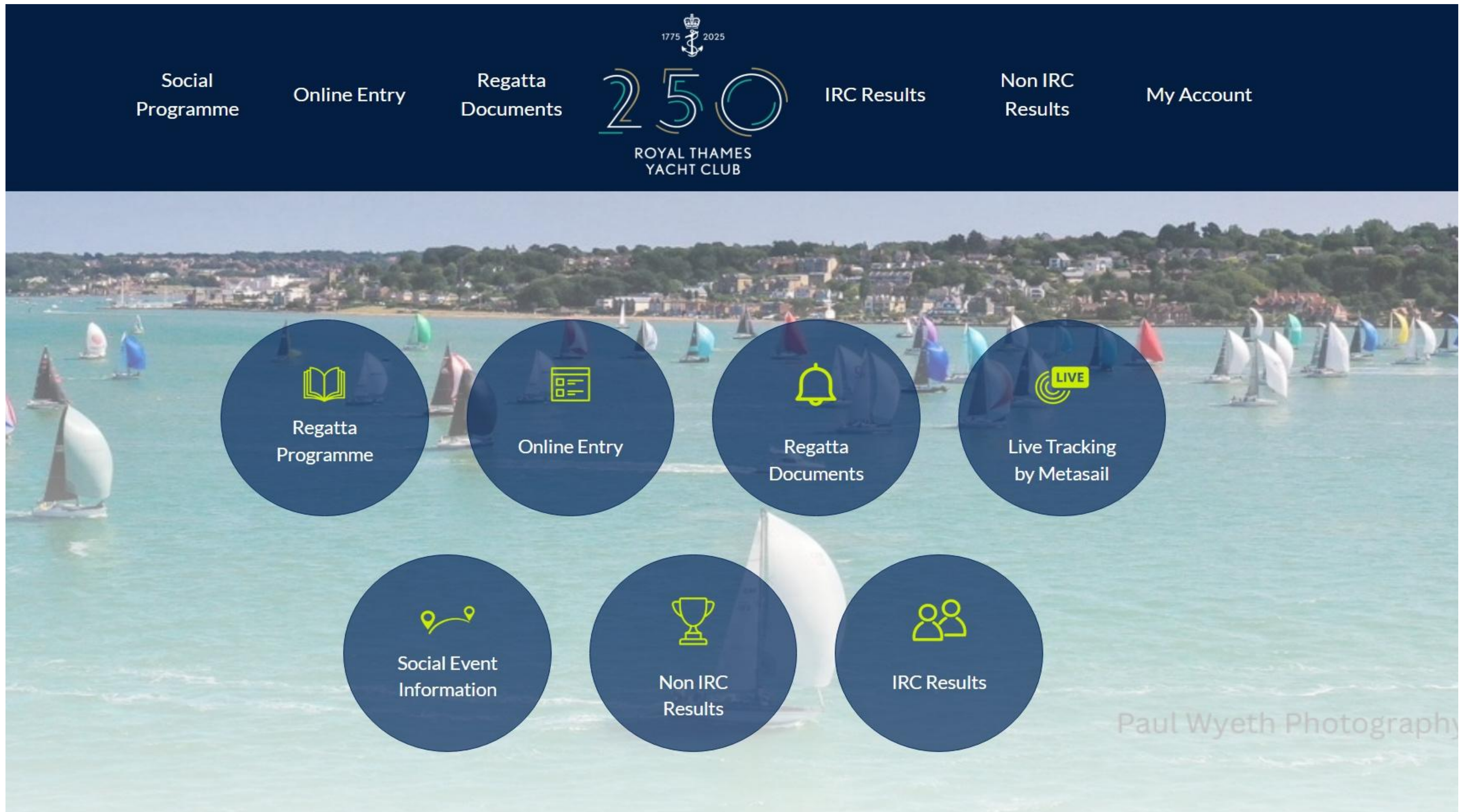
### RTYC Actions:

1. We developed and operated a bespoke event portal for all entries, ticketing, payments, official notices and general updates eg. Daily social events (see next pages)
2. Daily all competitor briefings were held at Cowes yacht haven – no paper used
3. Real time updates provided to the five racecourse area competitors via WhatsApp groups <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FzXYuigvBOjAnsUUc5OAKY>
4. No paper documentation or tickets were produced – with everything put through the event apps



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### OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

#### RTYC 250th Anniversary Regatta

Timezone: British Summer Time  
Start Date: 14 Jun 2025  
Event Ends: 15 Jun 2025

-  View race results
-  View Who's Entered
-  Hearings Board 2
-  Scoring Inquiries 0

#### Notice of Race

 Notice of Race  
issued April 29, 2025 at 14:28

#### Additional Event Documents


 Notice to Competitors 21  
Time Limits – Sunday 15th June  
issued June 15, 2025 at 16:32


 Notice to Competitors 20  
TRACKER RETURNS  
issued June 15, 2025 at 09:02

 Notice to Competitors 19  
Course Area A -Class only – Change to Sailing Instructions  
issued June 15, 2025 at 08:19

 Notice to Competitors 18  
Race Schedule for Sunday 15th June  
issued June 14, 2025 at 21:39

 Notice to Competitors 17  
Protest Time Limits – Friday 13th June  
issued June 14, 2025 at 17:06

 Notice to Competitors 16  
Changes to Sailing Instructions NEW ECHO COURSE  
issued June 14, 2025 at 08:51

 Notice to Competitors 15  
Race Schedule for Saturday 14th June 2025  
issued June 13, 2025 at 19:15

 Notice to Competitors 13  
Protest Time Limits – Friday 13th June  
issued June 13, 2025 at 18:18



[LIVE TRACKING AVAILABLE CLICK HERE](#)

#### RESULTS

Results will be available here as soon after racing as possible

[RS Elite](#)

[Etchells](#)

[Etchells Pre Nat](#)

[Mermaid](#)

[J/70](#)

[Cruisers](#)

[Classics](#)

[Daring](#)

[Dragon](#)

[RS21](#)

[Sonar](#)

[SB20](#)



# CRITERIA – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## 14. HOST A MARINA CLEAN UP

### RTYC Actions:

1. Working alongside the Cowes yacht haven and Shepards wharf marina teams, our green team volunteers undertook daily marina and end of event clean ups to ensure all waste we recycled appropriately
2. Both marinas , along side Cowes Harbour Commission are passionate and committed to sustainability and are actively making a difference to their local environment as can be demonstrated by the attached environmental policies and waste management plans.

• [Link to Cowes yacht haven waste management document](#)



## CRITERIA – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### 14. HOST A MARINA CLEAN UP





## CRITERIA – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### 15. PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

#### RTYC Actions:

1. The central Cowes town center and marinas are all walking and cycling areas only.
2. All event locations used were within ½ mile of each other.
3. We promoted the use of using alternative transportation – e scooters and e bikes throughout our pre-event documentation and during the regatta. Pick up locations around Cowes were provided within our event information
4. Artemis technologies provided one of their foiling all electric crew support vessels for spectators to watch the racing each day.





# CRITERIA – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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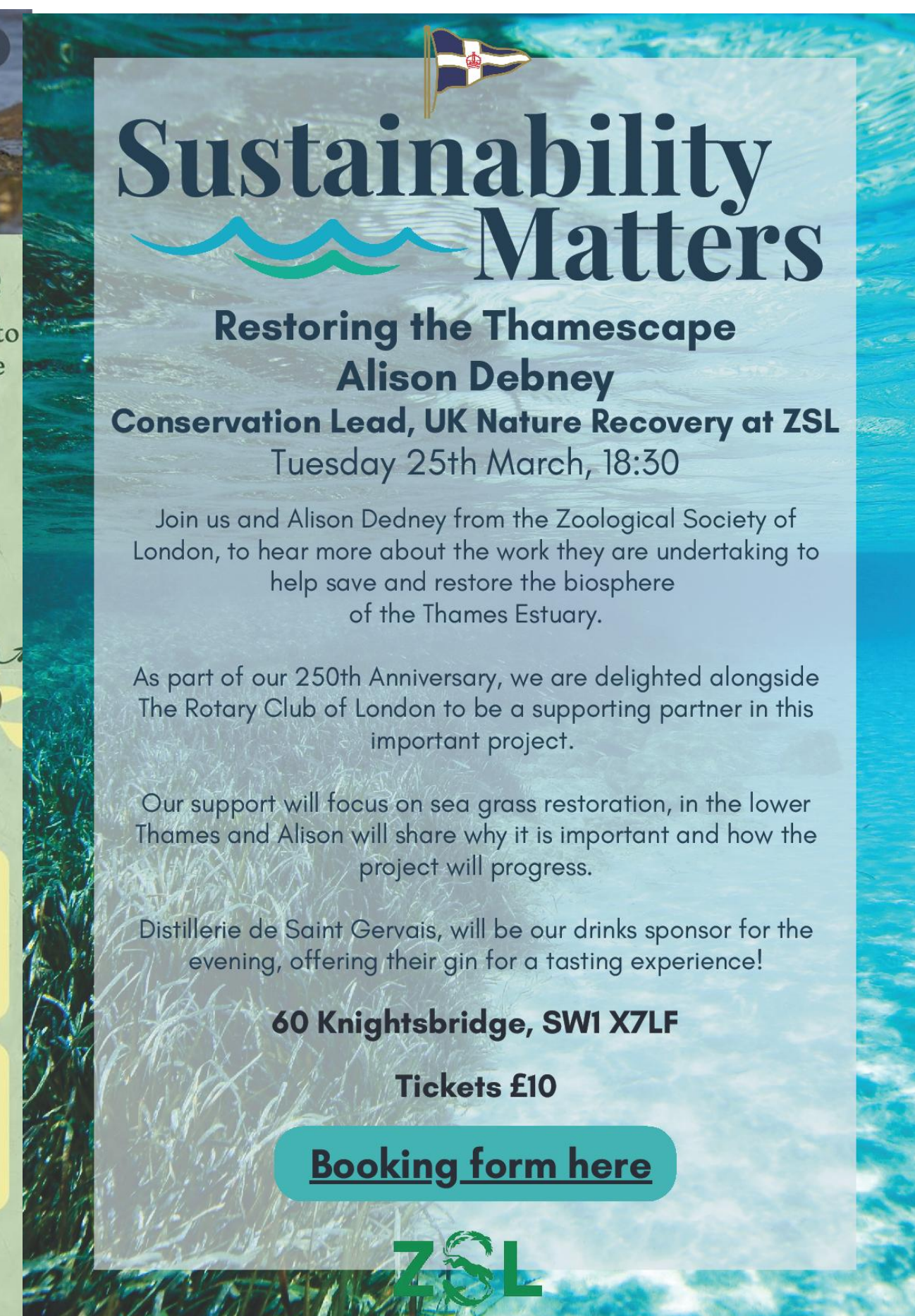
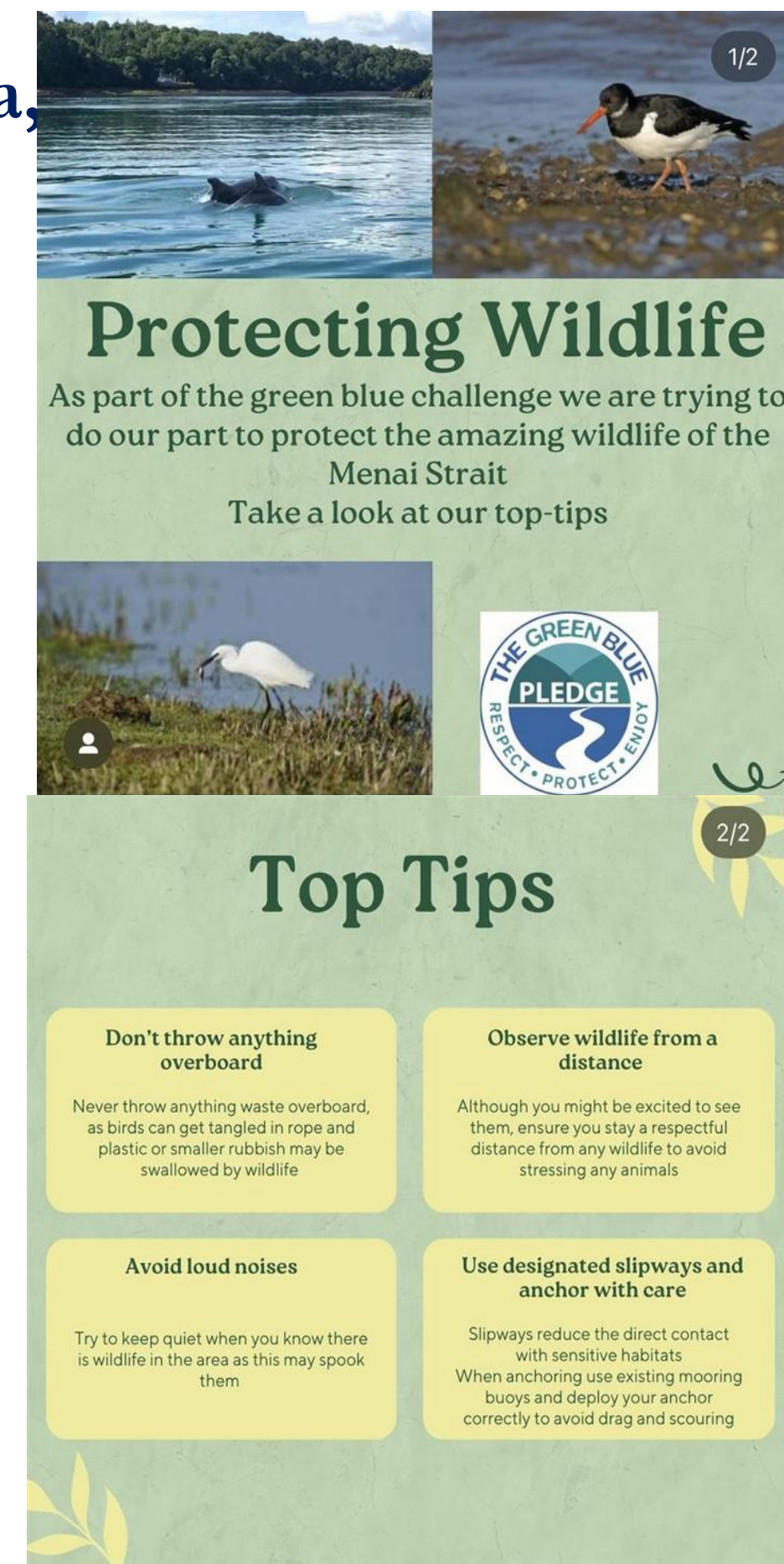


# CRITERIA – ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## 16. INCREASE AWARENESS OF WILDLIFE AND HABIT PROTECTION

### RTYC Actions:

1. Local environmental groups – during our regatta, we promoted the following local groups  
<https://isleofwight-nl.Org.Uk/sustainable-communities>  
<https://www.Iow.Gov.Uk/environment-and-planning/climate-and-environment/climate-change/environment-and-sustainability-forum/>
2. Sea grass initiatives - we have been financially supporting seagrass projects in the Thames estuary and across the Solent  
<https://www.Hiwwt.Org.Uk/seagrass-restoration>
4. RTYC also sponsor the Green Blue UK University sailing sustainability challenge. Report [here](#)





## 17. OFFER VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN ALTERNATIVES

1. All food vendors were required to offer vegetarian and/or vegan options as part of their menu offerings – see sample menu from Garden Pizza and Smoking Lobster.

(GF) Gluten Free option available  
(V) Vegetarian (VE) Vegan

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[www.thegardencowes.com](http://www.thegardencowes.com)

<b>Margherita</b>	13
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Basil, Oregano, Olive Oil & Parmesan	
<b>Pepperoni</b>	14
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Pepperoni, Basil, Parmesan	
<b>BBQ Chicken &amp; Chorizo</b>	14
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Cajun Chicken, Chorizo, Black Olives, BBQ Sauce	
<b>Farmhouse</b>	14
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Mushrooms, Ham, Garlic Olive Oil, Parmesan, Truffle Oil	
<b>Piccante</b>	14
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Pepperoni, Chorizo, Jalapeña, Parsley, Honey Chili Oil	
<b>Garden Pizza</b>	14
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Spinach, Roasted Courgettes, Garlic, Sun Dried Tomato, Mushrooms, Pesto Drizzle	
<b>Ragù</b>	14
Tomato Base, Fior Di Latte Mozzarella, Ragù Sauce, Pancetta, Spring Onions, Parmesan	

Katsu Squash £12  
Thai Yellow Curry



## CRITERIA – CLIMATE AWARENESS

### 18. USE ECO-SMART RACE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

#### RTYC Actions:

1. The regatta was run using only online or face to face communications
2. All marks were laid using GPS – thereby reducing rib engine running time
3. Two electric ribs donated by RS Boats were used to support the event.
4. All class and signal flags used on all course areas were produced by Enviroflags from recycling plastic bottles. All flags were designed to use in future events.



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# CRITERIA – CLIMATE AWARENESS

## 18. USE ECO-SMART RACE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES





# CRITERIA – CLIMATE AWARENESS

## 19. PREVENT TOXINS ENTERING THE WATER

### RTYC Actions:

1. Participants were advised throughout the regatta information to be mindful of what they put into the local waters during the 250th anniversary regatta  
Sustainability strategy document which was widely publicised – see attached extracts
2. Key extracts of the strategy were also show on the regatta village signage
3. Cowes Harbour commission (CHC) and both marinas adhere to the local environmental policies of not allowing any swimming off boats without permission of CHC. – This regulation was stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions. Effectively only CHC approved divers were allowed to clean participants boats during the regatta.

“ SI 17.2: No person shall swim or undertake any underwater or diving activities of any kind within Cowes Harbour without permission and/or a permit from the Cowes Harbour master or the authorized marina Manager. See: Cowes Harbour Commission general direction 4.4 and 4.5.”



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### IN SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

#### Competitors

It is vital that all competitors and their guests play their part in helping us deliver the large regatta as sustainably as possible, so we would like to ask all competitors to commit to the following:

- Always use the water refilling stations – we suggest you nominate one of the crew to be responsible for the whole team’s hydration.
- Do not bring any single use plastics to either regatta venue.
- Use the recycling waste bins located across both marinas and dock areas
- Hand over any surplus food each day to one of our “Green Team” members to enable us to share this with the local food bank.
- Place any broken or worn-out sailing equipment and materials in the provide “Boat bits bins” to enable to delivery them to our recycling partner.
- Do not use any toxic materials to clean your boats – there are plenty of environmentally sustainable alternatives available.



# CRITERIA – CLIMATE AWARENESS

## 20. INSPIRE FUTURE ACTION

### RTYC Actions:

1. Participants were advised throughout the regatta information of the regatta sustainability strategy and the expectation for all competitors.
2. Our green teams patrolled daily, the marinas and berths to share additional information and provide further guidance on how each competitor could play their part in delivering against our wider sustainability strategy.
3. Representatives from EXTRICKO – our marine recycling partner, were also available each day to collect waste marine equipment and provide general guidance.



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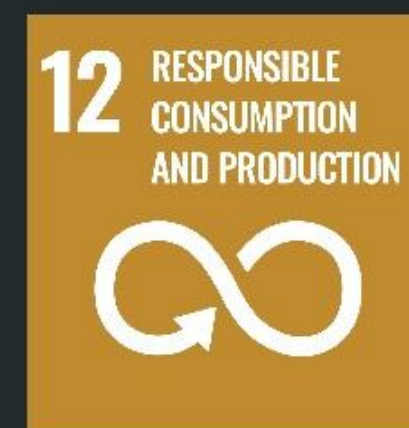
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### EXTRICKO - COWES BASED UPCYCLING AND RECYCLING COMPANY

#### Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals







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