Sustainable Sailing: From Clean Regattas to Eco-Friendly Fleets

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Green Boating

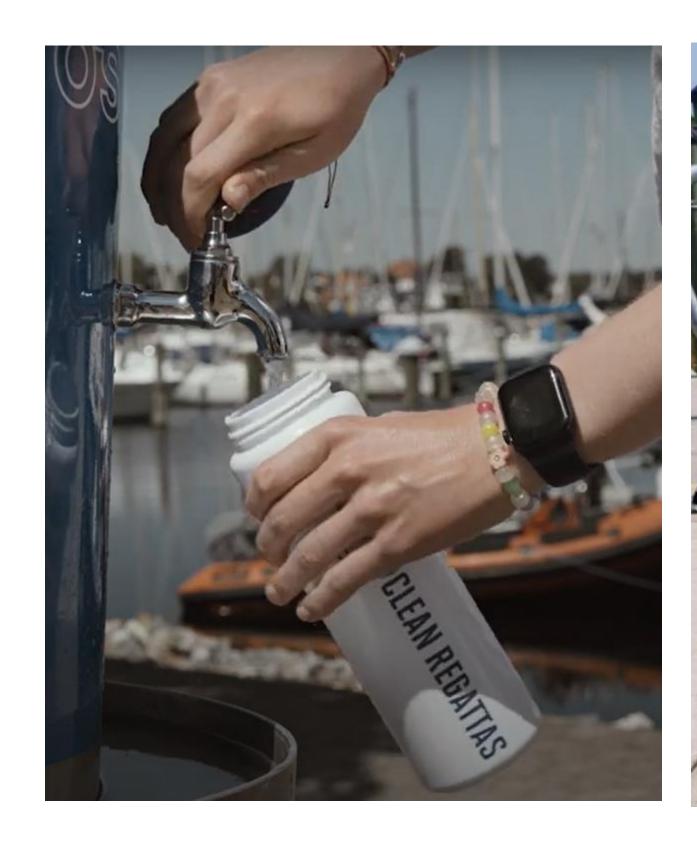
Clean Regattas

KELP

Skippers





















4,000+ **EVENTS**

2 MILLION SAILORS

53 COUNTRIES

What is the Clean Regattas Program?







What are the Best Practices?



ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS

- ☐ Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and
 - Provide Water Refill Stations
- ☐ Eliminate Plastic Straws
- Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware
- ☐ Skip Bags or Go Reusable
- □ Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

CLIMATE AWARENESS

- □ Promote Alternative Transportation
- ☐ Reduce Day-of Emissions
- ☐ Inspire Future Action

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- □ Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts
- ☐ Involve Local Organizations
- Post Educational and Reusable
 Signage
- Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- ☐ Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up
- ☐ Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water
- ☐ Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- ☐ Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ☐ Organize a Green Team
- □ Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage
- □ Divert Food Waste from the Landfill
- □ Use Paperless Event Management



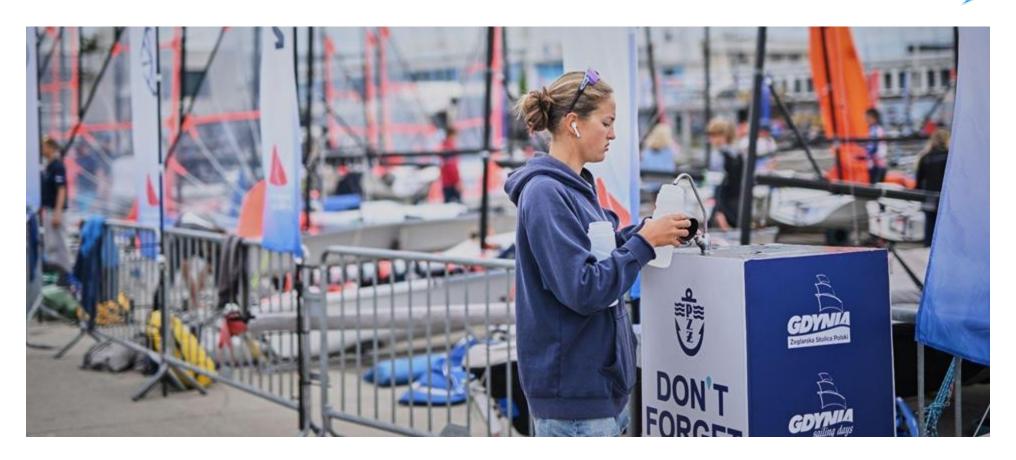
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Elimination of Single Use Items

SAILORS THE SEA

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SAILORS

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Collaborating with World Sailing to Increase the Impact of Clean Regattas





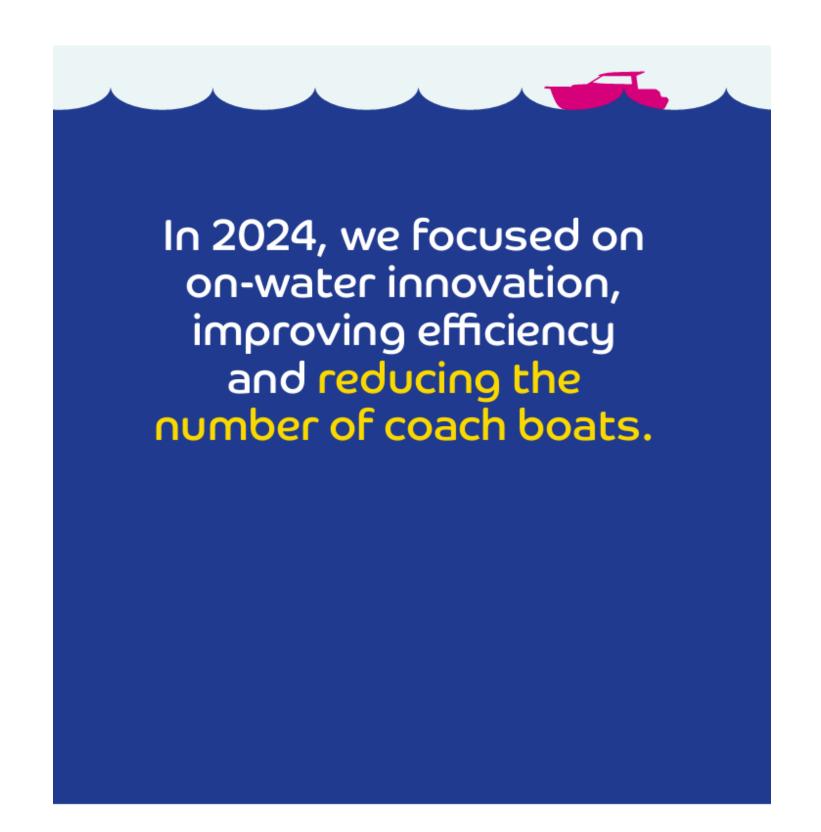


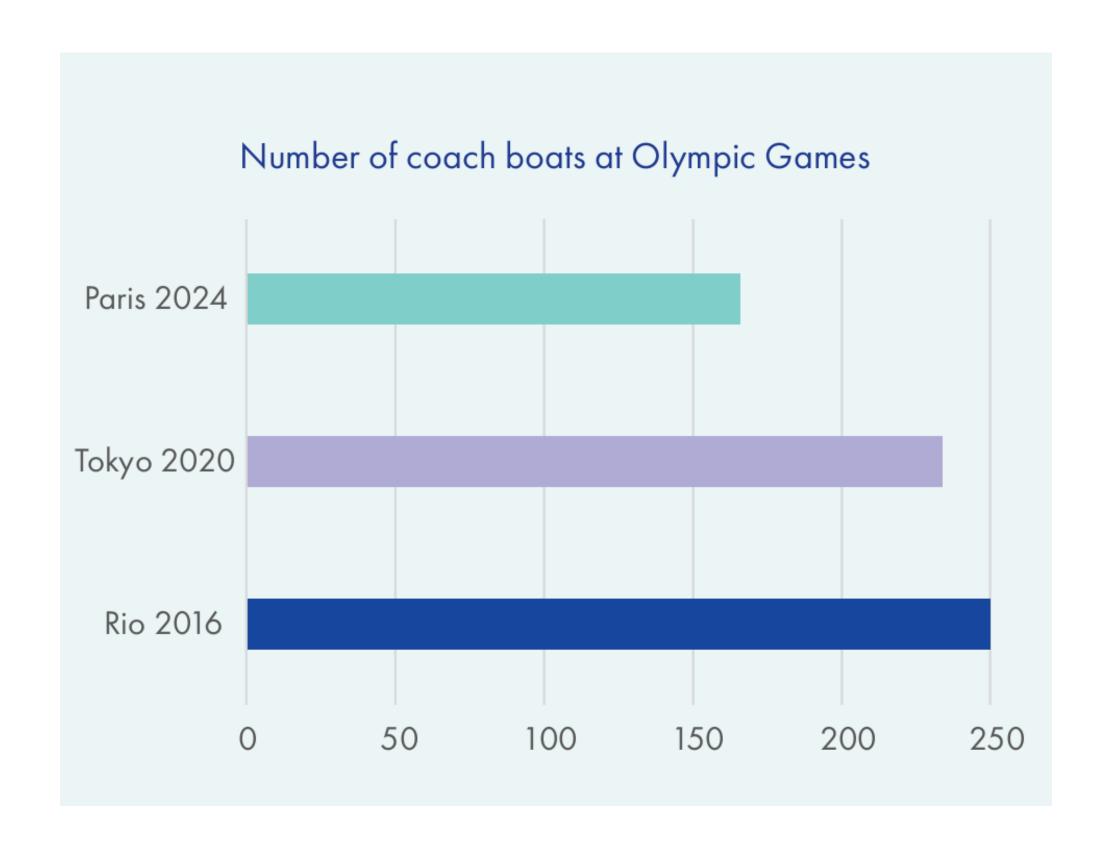




World Sailing's Investment in Clean Regattas







Clean Class Initiative

SAILORS

- Incorporating sustainability across all class operations
 - Making Clean Regattas the norm
- Current Clean Classes
 - Thistle Class
 - Formula Wave Class
 - International 29er Class
 - Canadian Shark Class Association
 - International Optimist Dinghy Association
 - International WingSports Association
 - International Kiteboarding Association
- Helping us grow the impact of our sustainability work and improve the efficacy of our programs



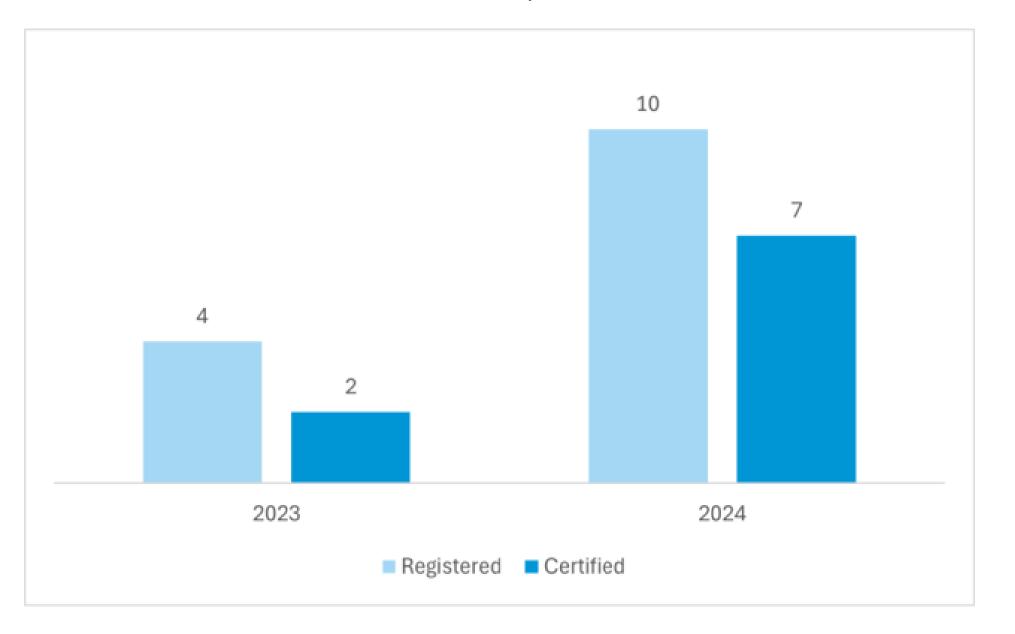


Clean Class Initiative: International 29er Class

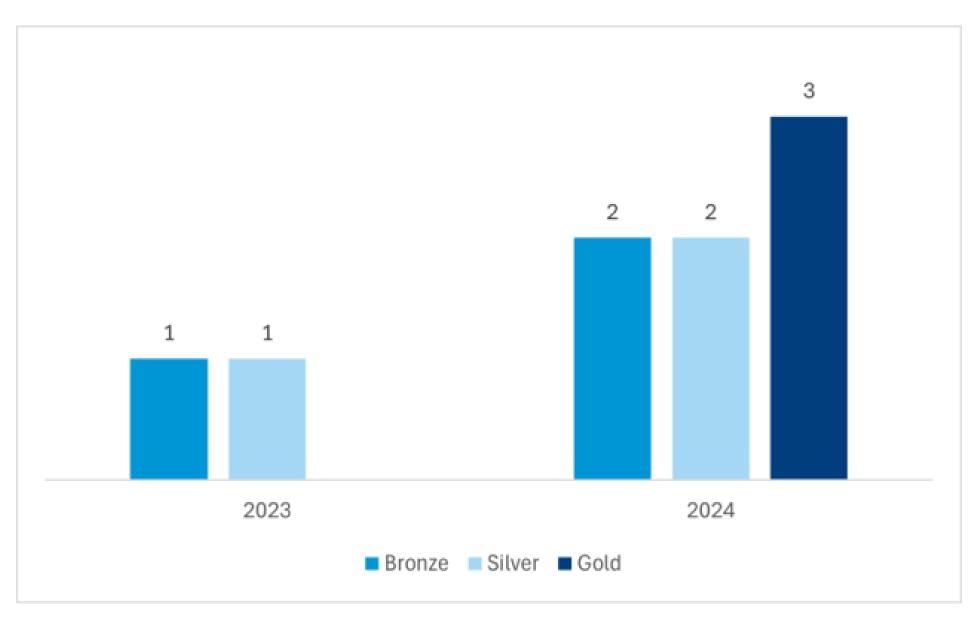


- Growth from 2023 to 2024
- Continued investment in communication and innovation
- . Ultimate goal of sustainability being a part of what it means to be a 29er sailor

Number of Events



Certification Level





Discussion



What does sustainability mean to you?

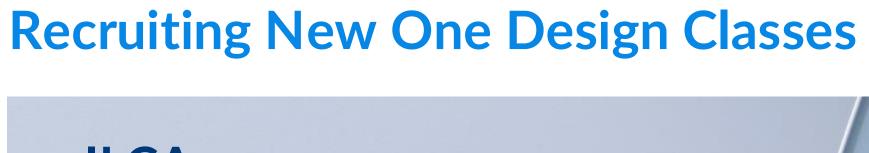
- · In the context of your class, club, or event, or what does it mean to be sustainable?
- · Why is sustainability important?
- · Have you hosted a Clean Regatta before?
- . Share examples of what has been successful in the past

What are your sustainability hurdles?

- · Which areas are the most difficult to work on or achieve?
- · What could we provide that would most help you overcome this hurdle?

How can Sailors for the Sea better support classes and events?

How can we all commit to sustainability moving forward?









Thank you!

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Learn more about Clean Regattas: cleanregattas.sailorsforthesea.org



Thank you









