








Sailors for the Sea Initiatives






Best Practice	Evidence	Initiative
Eliminate single use water bottles and plastic straws	 	<p>Water bottle refill stations</p> <p>Bring your own drink bottles</p> <p>Drink bottles available at registration</p> <p>Water bottles were given out at registration that had clips on them, so that if boats capsized, loose drink bottles would not float away and create more rubbish in our ocean.</p>
Serve food in plastic free dinnerware		<p>Compostable dinnerware, cutlery. No plastic used throughout the event</p>
Serve local food		<p>Neat Meat company kindly provided beef. Tegal provided chicken. Muse Wine (NZ). Local products sourced as able</p>
Waste bin placement and signage		<p>Bins placed where boats are stored and beside hospitality area to facilitate high usage.</p> <p>Food waste in compostable bins</p> <p>Green team available for any missed rubbish</p>

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Water conservation		<p>Walk through boat wash showers: Typically, the kids would each use a hose for 2-3 mins, washing all of their boat, foils, hull, sail etc, using a huge amount of water and time. By using the showers, they walk through as a basic rinse instead, taking only a few seconds, therefore conserving water. Using the boat showers, there was no other water available for products to be used on boats for cleaning (soaps, etc). The space is marked with ‘fish’ on the ground, demonstrating/reminding people, that everything that goes down the drains, ends up in the ocean. They used to clean hulls of yachts in this location, and all the antifoul and toxins, would wash into the drains/ocean.</p>
Reusable signage		<p>All signs were printed for generic use, rather than event specific, including volunteer t-shirts</p>
Ramp clean		<p>Volunteers did a clean up of the boat ramp just prior to the event so it was free of any debris and toxins</p>
Award practical items		<p>All spot prizes were usable items rather than single use e.g. waterproof speakers, quick dry towels, caps, etc.</p>

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<p>Involve local organisations, increase awareness of wildlife and habitat protection and inspire future actions</p>		<p>Peter Burling attended our prizegiving and spoke about Live Ocean campaign to protect our oceans. https://liveocean.org/</p>
<p>Divert food waste from landfill</p>	<p>https://www.cleanevent.co.nz/zero-waste-events</p>	<p>Separate food scrap bins coordinated by Clean Event New Zealand All our volunteers had specific tshirts, and helped continuously with rubbish collection, correct waste disposal, etc See waste diversion charts</p>

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Publicised sustainability	<p>21. SUSTAINABILITY</p> <p>21.1 A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. RRS 47 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]</p> <p>21.2 The 2025 Toyota Optimist National Championship is a Clean Regatta, and we request that competitors, supporters and officials support this initiative:</p> <p>a) Bring your own reusables: water bottle, coffee cup, lunch box/bag for yourself and your support team and avoid single-use plastics.</p> <p>b) Carefully choose the correct waste stream at the regatta venue - landfill, compost, recycling</p> <p>c) Choose electronic viewing over printing out NOR or Sailing instructions</p> <p>d) Try to minimise your environmental impact when travelling to the event. Plan your journey https://at.govt.nz/. Consider carpooling, community minibus or Toyota hybrid rental and offsetting carbon emissions. Refer to the NZ Carbon Footprint Calculator.</p>	Information included in Notice of Race and promoted throughout the event
Offer vegan options		Vegan food offered throughout event including sausages, nachos, mac n cheese, etc
Alternative transportation and reducing daily emissions	 <p>TOYOTA RACING TEAM</p>	Sealegs used for shuttling Rhib drivers and crews to the nearby marina, instead of individual cars. As the rhibs were at the local marina overnight, instead of each skipper and crew driving to the marina to launch and back ... then reverse this for collection from the marina to come back to the club at the end of the day, the Sealegs could hold large numbers of crew and skippers, and shuttle them directly, via the water.

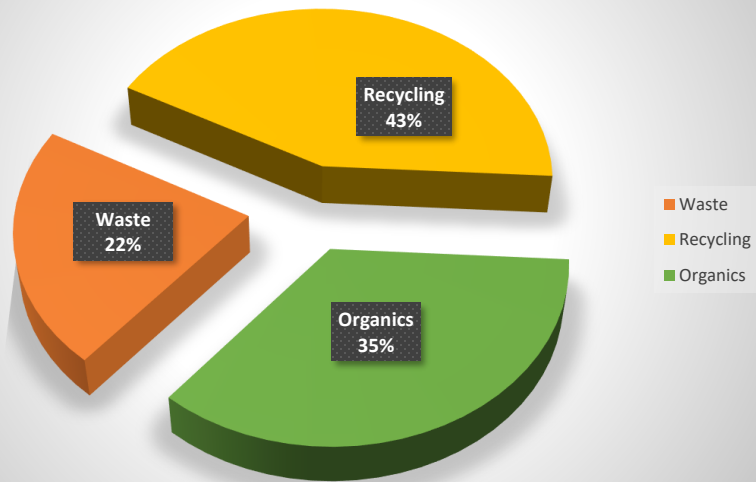
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Paperless event management		Use of Stack Teams App for all event communications and documents Reusable sponsor bibs rather than boat stickers
	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	Tag on / off system via a tag board: The sailors are issued a numbered tag at registration. They wear this on a lanyard whilst on shore. When they are launching, they hang their tag on the board. When they return, they pick up their tag again. The huge benefit is that at a glance you can see if anyone is missing. E.g. if there are 100 gold fleet sailors and number 39 is not on there, the sailor has either not launched or not come back off the water. It greatly increases safety visibility, rather than looking at sheets of paper sailors sign and try to read their numbers.

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Reduced wastage	<div data-bbox="710 197 1309 575"></div> <div data-bbox="1363 197 1961 575"></div>	Reusable lunch bags for volunteers
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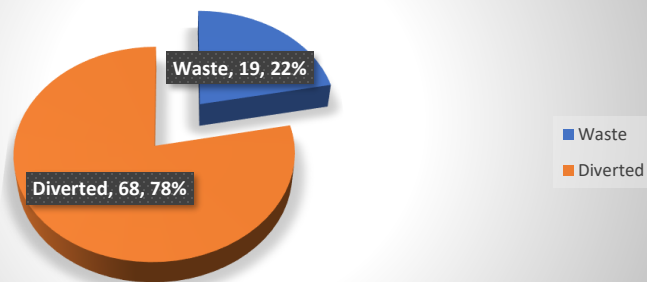


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Waste Split By Weight



Diversion Rate



Waste Stream	Weight (Kg)	End Destination
Waste	19.00	Green Gorilla
Recycling	37.30	Re:Group
Organics	30.60	Envirofert
Total	86.90	