



2021 NZ Waszp National Championship

15-18 April 2021

Wakatere Boating Club once again had the opportunity to host a major national event as a Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta - while the entry list was relatively small as we continue to see the effects from Covid - the same messaging and the same effort was put in to looking after our marine environment.



ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS

1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations

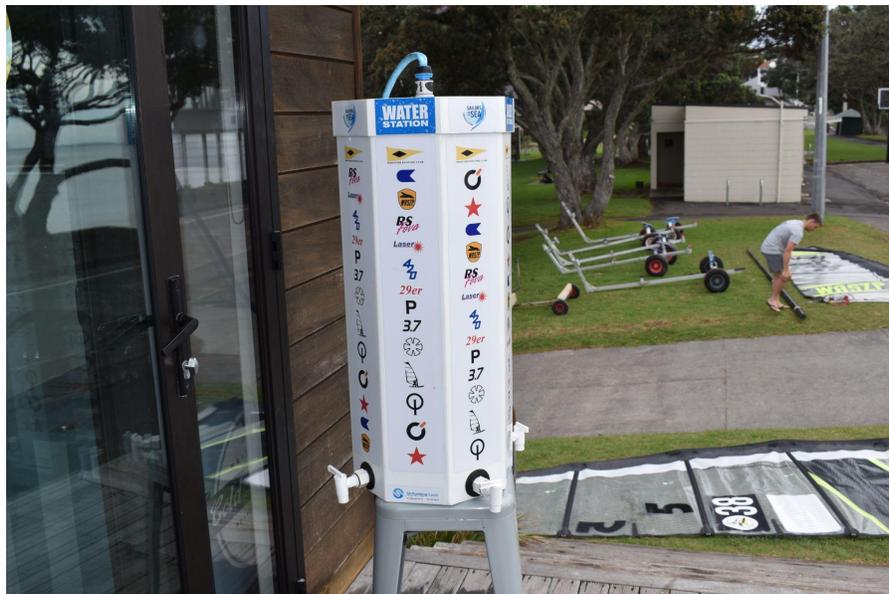
Wakatere Boating Club encouraged competitors to bring a reusable regatta bottle with them to the event.

A water filling station was put in place to allow bottles to be refilled.

There was also a filtered tap available to use inside the club along with glasses and a jug of water for those without a drink bottle. (this is an important message of change that needs to be encouraged - people do not *have* to have a bottle with them in order to have a drink while out and about)

Letter to Competitors:

1. **Environment:** This regatta is being held as a Sailors for the Sea [Clean Regatta](#). You can do your bit by making sure you bring your own reusable drink bottle, use and return the keep-cups provided by Wakatere for any hot drinks purchased at the local Narrow Neck Cafe, and by making sure you use the correct bin at the club - Landfill, Recycling or Compost.
2. **Beach Clean:** As sailors, we are all Kaitiaki/Guardians of our coastal environment - we invite all sailors, supporters, and volunteers to join us in a Beach Clean. Further details to follow.
3. **Water Stations:** The club has water refill stations on-site so bring your water bottles to refill.



2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

Wakatere Boating Club **does not** use plastic straws.

We have also worked closely with the local cafe to support their change to using compostable straws for all their drinks.

3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

After racing on day one of the regatta we provided pizza to all our sailors and guests.

We chose a local pizza company that makes their own dough and serves 1.5mtr long pizzas. This helped us reduce the amount of packaging that would have come from 30+ individual pizza boxes and instead we only had 10 oversize pizza boxes.



We use compostable dinnerware from <https://innocentpackaging.co.nz/> at Wakatere but by making choices to simplify things even further, we chose to keep things casual and served the pizza's with paper serviettes only. By doing this, we further reduced our compost waste by avoiding filling our compost bins with paper plates and biodegradable cutlery for this occasion.

For volunteer lunches we specifically choose to change from packaged muesli bars etc to fresh baked goods and seasonal fruit. This allowed us to use paper bags where needed so we could avoid foil packaging. For sandwiches, we made a special request that they be delivered in cardboard packaging rather than plastic packaging.

When lunch bags were returned this allowed us to put all the waste directly into the compost bins including the paper and cardboard packaging. This eliminated anything going to the landfill. Fresh baked bread rolls were also ordered - removing the plastic bags so commonly seen with sliced loaves



Use of reusable, WBC branded coffee mugs for local cafe use

We have an arrangement with our local cafe to provide club members and guests with reusable coffee mugs that can be used at the cafe when ordering a coffee or tea. Once finished with their coffee or tea, people return the mugs to us. This reduces the amount of single use take-away coffee and tea mugs being given out at the cafe.



4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags

The ultimate in Reusable bags - we are 'reusing' our volunteers lunch bags that were so kindly made for us by Doyle Sails for a previous Clean Regatta using old sail cloth. They again did a wonderful job of reducing our waste while we provided lunches to our many volunteers. Our volunteers happily got alongside the idea and returned their bags to be replenished the following day.



5. Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

For this year's Waszp National Prize Giving, our sponsors donated boat hardware which was well received by competitors along with sailing clothing. Any trophies given were perpetual trophies.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

 **Wakatere Boating Club**
Published by Amanda Michel · April 17 at 3:57 PM ·  

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Published by Amanda Michel · April 4 ·



If you haven't entered the Waszp Nats yet, the good news is that the late entry fee now doesn't come into effect until 5pm Saturday 10th April. Note that the after sailing food, will be more substantial and sustainable than "just a sausage sizzle", all included in your entry fee



Regatta entry <https://www.wakatere.org.nz/.../2021-nz-waszp-national...>

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Article posted by YNZ and shared by Wakatere during the Waszp Nationals



Wakatere Boating Club

Published by Amanda Michel · April 22 at 7:14 AM ·



Wakatere encourages more clubs to get a "clean regatta" on their calendar next season. Start by putting a couple of club members together. Delayne Salthouse is happy to have a chat with any NZ club about first steps.

Oceanbridge report

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7. Involve Local Organizations

The Waszp Nationals was widely publicised by the Waszp Assoc, Wakatere's facebook, club emails, on the website and shared on the YNZ events calendar. As a NZ National regatta, race management and regatta documents must be approved by YNZ. 1000's of people would have been aware that this was a Clean Regatta.

Event page

2021 NZ WASZP National Championship



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The regatta includes the New Zealand WASZP Slalom Championship on the final day 18th April.

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Race Documents

[Notice to Competitors #01](#)

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[Notice of Race](#)

[Sailing Instructions - amended 06/04/2021](#)

Results

National Champs - [Results](#)

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Wakatere Policies

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Website news page



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YOUTH - OPEN - WOMENS - MASTER trophies up for grabs!

Sadly no longer the 2021 Int Waszp Games or the Pacific Games due to Covid-19, but plenty of waszp to be had in NZ.

This regatta includes the bonus New Zealand WASZP Slalom Championship on Sunday 18th April.

New entry option for weekend racing only!

[Go Test - Simple](#)

[REGATTA PAGE](#)

**** Late entry accepted at club registration 8am-10am Thurs 15th April 2021***

YNZ event page

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2021 New Zealand WASZP National Championship, including the New Zealand WASZP Slalom Championship

Date: 15th - 18th April 2021

Venue: Hosted by Wakatere BC

The event is open to boats of the WASZP Class and whose sailors are current financial members of their respective class association and National Member Authority. Regatta entry includes the association fee for 2021. Competitors may choose to sail with either a 6.9m2 or an 8.2m2 rig.

Type:	Regatta
Regatta type:	Fleet Racing
Classes to be sailed:	Wasp
Host club:	Wakatere Boating Club
Region:	National
Event date:	Thu 15 Apr 2021 to Sun 18 Apr 2021
Event website link:	https://www.wakatere.org.nz/page/2021-nz-waszp-national-championships
Notice of Race:	2021 NZ Wasp National Champs NOR (PDF 393.39 KB)

Event page:

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Facebook event



The image shows a Facebook event page for the "2021 New Zealand WASZP National Championships". The event is scheduled for April 15-18, 2021, at Wakatere Boating Club in Auckland. The page includes a calendar icon for the date 15, a banner image with the text "APRIL 2021 youth, open, masters & women's trophies" and "WASZP at Wakatere BC Auckland", and a "Details" section with the following information:

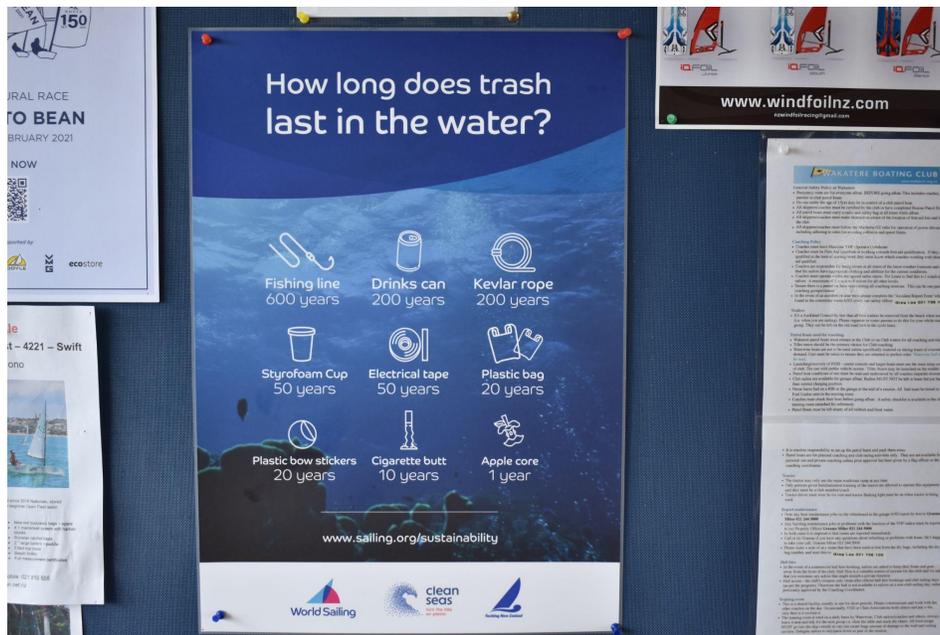
- 14 people responded
- Event by Wakatere Boating Club
- Wakatere Boating Club
- Apr 15 at 9 AM UTC+12 – Apr 18 at 4 PM UTC+12
- Price: Free - Duration: 3 days
- Public - Anyone on or off Facebook

2021 New Zealand WASZP National Championships and includes the NZ WASZP Slalom Championship on the final day. Racing 15-18 April. Sailors for the Sea CLEAN REGATTA

8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage

We have 3 posters that we place in the common areas of the club - main hall & changing rooms. These are simple signs that help educate on the lifespan of various plastics that we find in the ocean. The other signage we use is in the form of long lasting adhesive labels that explain the use of our reusable coffee cups.

"Enjoy your coffee then please return to Wakatere Boating Club"



9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

In our efforts to keep local with our food - we sourced from two food suppliers, both within 15 minutes of our club. We worked with them and asked that any food delivered came in cardboard boxes, and we returned those boxes to the store for re-use where possible

Our pizza dinner came from a local supplier and any of the meat that went into these pizzas was free range farmed. (Our compost collections include cardboard contaminated with oil and food scraps)

We made freshly baked muffins and fresh fruit available at the club in the mornings and served this to competitors throughout the morning along with freshly made coffee. For coffees and for those wanting to use our neighbouring cafe for special coffees, we supplied reusable coffee cups that could be returned to the club to be washed and returned for another day once finished.

For our competitors as they came off the water, we prepared large pots of hot vegetarian pasta in the club kitchens and served this in paper bowls with compostable forks.

We also managed to reassign food overcatered from a previous event to the Waszp Nationals so we reduced having to make new purchases by doing this.

RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

10. Organize A Green Team

One of the interesting things about running a Clean Regatta is that the organisers are often the ones behind the camera & not often in front of the camera - such was the case for this event. Penny Harrison was the lead person for the Waszp Nationals Clean Regatta but at Wakatere we have worked hard to develop a 'club mindset' where all our members are part of our Green Team.

However, on race days - it was the ladies in the kitchen who again had the endless conversations with competitors and supporters each time they handed out an item of food, about where the rubbish should end up and it was our media person Amanda Michel who diligently posted and prompted our environmental messages, and Penny Harrison, our event organiser who worked with Delayne Salthouse to develop and continually improve our Clean Regatta protocol.

11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Wakatere has a robust and effective waste management plan in place.

We have 3 streams of waste - landfill, recycle & compost

We use large 620ltr bins to collect our bulk waste and feed into this from 2 sets of 72ltr bins that are positioned inside the club & decks another set of 160ltr bins in the compound area.

All bins are clearly signed with extra signage inside to match the types of waste particular to each event. We choose to partner with Green Gorilla <https://youtu.be/KaQqqJp89y0>



12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

At Wakatere we have compost bins available for all food scraps and compostable items. We have 3 compost bins positioned around the club venue and we take pride in educating and encouraging our guests to use the compost bins. We find signage is very helpful to promote this message, but more important are the quick conversations we take the time to have with each person as we hand out their food. A quick explanation of where and why their bowl of food is compostable has a much greater response and success rate. Our compost collectors also take our pizza boxes that are contaminated with food scraps and oil.



13. Use Paperless Event Management

All our results and NOR/SI for the regatta have one copy pinned to our notice board and where available, online through the event page on our website and facebook. We also made use of our TV screen inside the club to post results. made use of our TV screen inside the club to post results.

Race management briefing



Regatta briefing and registration



REDUCE PAPER - Letter to competitors

1. **Sign On/Off:** All sailors must sign-on and sign-off for racing by way of a QR scan each day. There will be separate posters for both. You can use anyone's phone to sign a sailor on/off.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up

During the regatta we had times where there was no wind to sail, so we put all competitors, supporters and interested locals to work on the beach to collect whatever rubbish they could find.



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15. Promote Alternative Transportation

The Waszp Nationals was a very small event with only 30 sailors and there was shared traveling to and from the event as many local families hosted out of town competitors.

Example - event management used public transport "I will be there after 8:30 (if the buses run on time and I find the right transfer at Takapuna) I can sort any registration issues then, add late entries and have it all running super smoothly".

17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

To ensure we offered a range of low impact foods, we also provided fruit bowls, vegetarian lunch options and Vegetarian/Vegan Pizzas for our competitors dinner. Dietary requirement was a required question in the regatta entry form.

From our Pizza supplier - **Do you have gluten free or gluten friendly pizza?** - We use a gluten free base that is sourced from our suppliers. All pizzas are cooked in the same oven. **Do you have vegan or dairy free pizza?** Our dough is made in a purpose-built room and we use no animal products to make our dough. All of our pizza starts life as a vegan product. We have a couple of flavours that are vegan options on our menu and additions can be made to suit you.

GREEN BOATING

18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques

Since Wakatere's very first Clean Regatta back in 2018, the club has stopped using bow stickers for any regattas. This best practice continued for our Waszp Nationals this year.

19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

As Auckland is still recovering from a water crisis, we have continued to implement new wash down protocols for boats.

We ensured we had adjustable, low flow guns on our hoses at the washdown ramp so that we could limit the amount of water consumption. No competitors did anything other than a water only washdown.

We also provide a large barrel of water for our engine flush. Not only does this save water but also allows us to contain any oil deposits that come out of the engine and we can correctly dispose of the used barrel water at a later date.

Wakatere H&S was linked to the regatta page.

<https://www.wakatere.org.nz/admin-3/health-and-safety>

Water Restrictions

Auckland Council eased water restrictions for Auckland 14 Dec 2020. Stage 1 restrictions remain in place.

Club hoses may be used under the following conditions only:

1. Only use hoses with trigger nozzles (all club hoses will have these fitted)
2. Priority given to washing down any club patrol boats
3. 30 seconds maximum time to wash any members' boats
4. Allocate an adult to run the hose when washing kids boats to conserve water

To keep across how Auckland's water storage is faring over the weekend, click the link: <https://tinyurl.com/156j3ujo>

[Watercare](#)



20. Encourage Green Boating Practices

Engines off - During racing all anchored vessels including our committee boat ensured they did not run their engines.

Engines less - We use a course setting app called Bouyzone which also helps us reduce the engine time for our mark boats as it allows pin point accuracy for mark laying, reducing engine running time.

Less boats - We also encouraged spectators to boat-share which helped reduce the number of vessels on the water and therefore further reduced the level of emissions caused by this event.