



# OIYC Clean Racing Policy

As our events depends heavily on the health of the Salish Sea and the beauty of our local area, Orcas Island Yacht Club believes it is of the utmost importance to respect, preserve and help improve the natural environment around us.

Our goal with all sailboat racing activities is to have **zero negative impact** on our local environment, and ultimately to deliver positive benefits on land and at sea through our policies, partnerships, and educational efforts.

As sailors—organizers and participants alike—we share a love and respect for the sea. We want our sailing events to continue to provide opportunities for sailors to enjoy our sport, and benefits to our local community, long into the future. That's why we are committed to running environmentally responsible and sustainable races and regattas.

We hope you join us in running clean races and regattas, even if you only make small changes, because:

*“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.” –Vincent van Gogh*

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## Our clean racing goals are:

- **Less waste:** Reducing our reliance on landfill is one of our primary goals. We'll reject unnecessary waste, replace disposable options with eco-friendly alternatives, reuse items instead of creating new ones each year and recycle much of what would otherwise end up in landfill.
- **No discharge:** None of us want to see rubbish floating in our oceans or washed up on our shores. Nor do we want the health of our marine ecosystems to suffer the effects of waste discharge from vessels. In addition to RRS 47 (trash disposal), competitors should adhere to Annex IV of MARPOL which requires no discharge within 12 miles of land.
- **Emissions reduction:** We can all become more conscientious of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, whether by carpooling to regattas, increasing sailing time during deliveries, or sailing from the dock to the racecourse.
- **Locally sourced:** Not only will we minimize our carbon footprint, but we'll also support our local community by prioritizing local suppliers of the products and services we need.

- **Education & engagement:** The more people on board with our sustainability goals, the better. We aim to spread the word about our sustainability efforts, educate people about how they can help, and facilitate positive environmental change from everyone involved with our events, so we can all work together towards a sustainable future.

## How you can help

- ❑ Minimize on-board waste by using reusable food containers and bottles.
- ❑ Refill your water bottles for free using the water faucets on the docks at the OIYC picnic shelter, West Sound Marina, Rosario Resort, Roche Harbor Resort, and Jones Island.
- ❑ Separate recyclables and general waste. Recycling is available at each marina. Make sure your bottles, cans, and plastics go into the appropriate dumpsters! Where recycling isn't available, please pack it out and recycle at home.
- ❑ Don't discharge any sewage or waste into the sea. Use pump out facilities at marinas and retain all rubbish on board until you return to shore.
- ❑ Use your electronic device to access race documents at [oiyc.org](http://oiyc.org) (click Sailing) or [roundthecounty.com](http://roundthecounty.com). All race documents, including protest forms, will be fully digital this year to help further reduce waste.
- ❑ Keep your engine maintained to reduce emissions. Find out what engine speed provides the best fuel economy to reduce fuel usage. Take extra precautions when refueling your boat to avoid spills, such as by using absorbent oil spill pads. And never use detergents to disperse spilled fuel and report any and all spills that you see.

## Thank you!

We're working together with **Sailors for the Sea** to achieve **Clean Regatta Certification** for all Orcas Island Yacht Club racing activities.

