

# Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta Platinum Level Sustainability Report



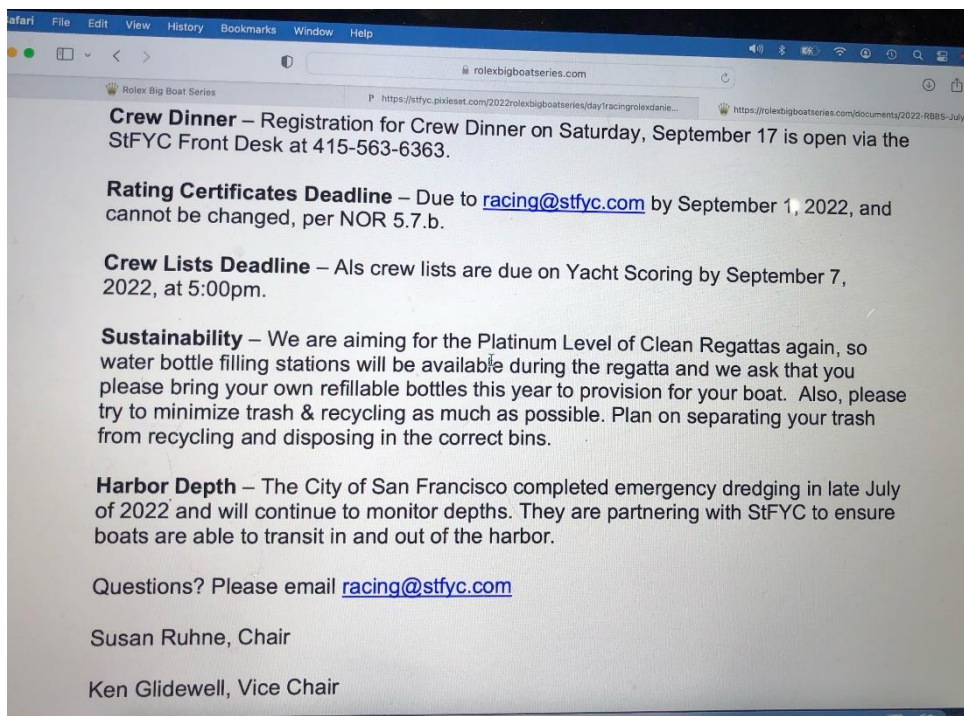
## Rolex Big Boat Series

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



West Marine was our Sustainability Sponsor. They sponsored our multi-spout water bottle filling stations. StFYC has also upgraded all water fountains in the club to be both fountains + bottle filling stations. In regatta updates sent to all competitors and posted on the regatta website, sailors were told about water refilling stations and asked to bring their own reusable water bottles.

## 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws:



Generally, straws were not offered, but if they were available inside the club, they were compostable.



### 3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware:



All clubhouse food and beverages were served in/on either washable glasses/plates or compostable ones. US Sailing provided #SailGreen refillable beer cups. Sailors were also encouraged to bring their cups into the club & to the Mount Gay Rum party. Dockside beer was served in pitchers so sailors could use the #SailGreen cups or other refillable cups.

#### 4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags:



The skipper bags were fabric duffels. Race Committee take their lunches in large Ziplock bags – they were encouraged to bring their bag back & re-use.

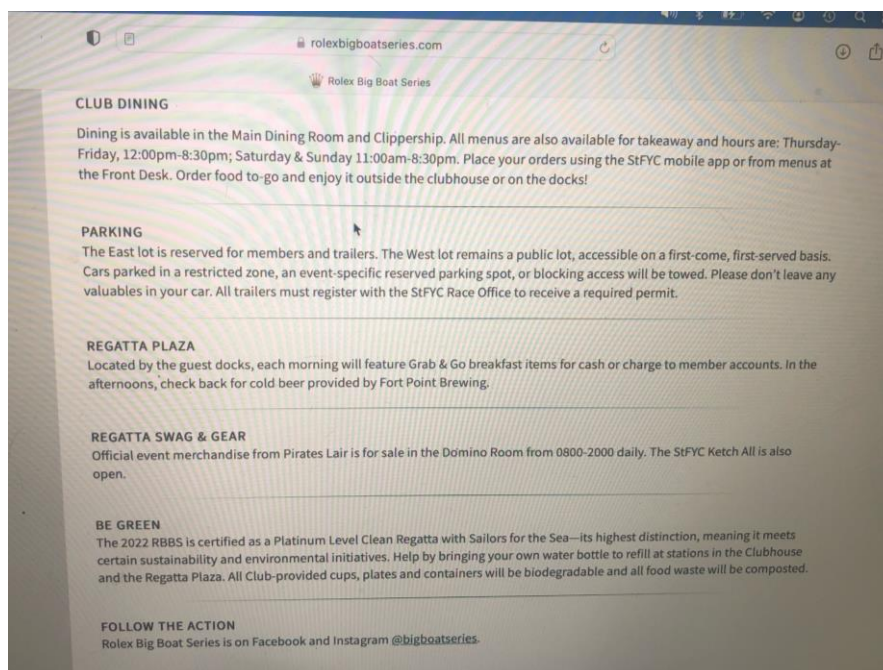
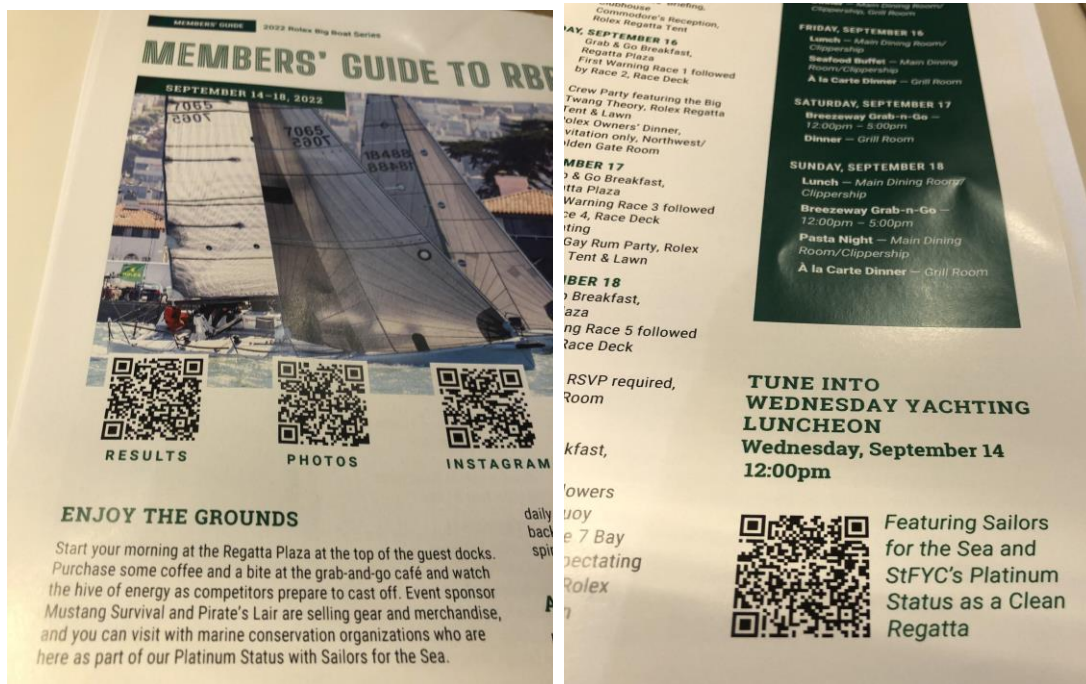
## 5. Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy:



Perpetual Trophies and practical items (vases and watches) were awarded.



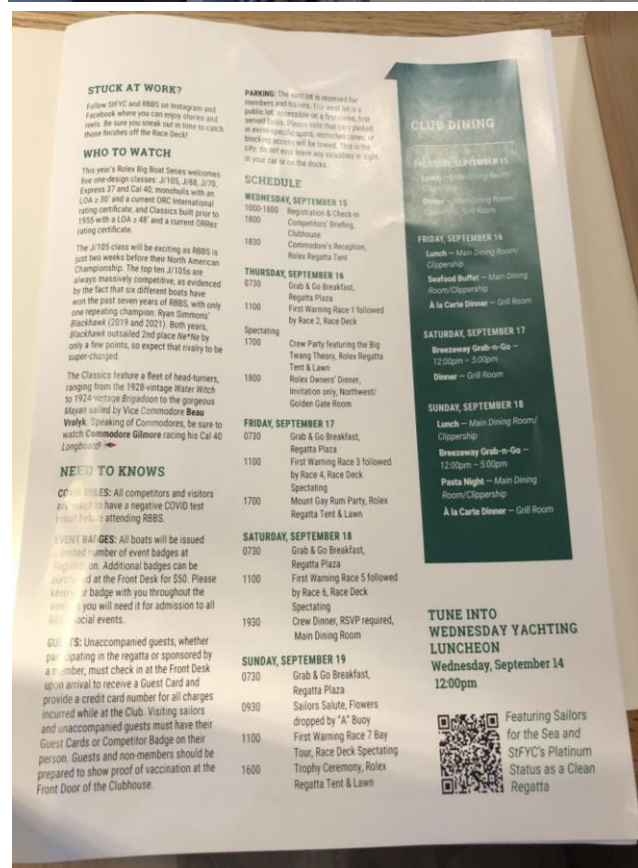
## 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts:



A press release posted on August 29, 2022, discussed clean regatta certification and our sustainability efforts. Efforts to be green and the partnership with Sailors for the Sea were also put in the Members' Guide in the StFYC magazine and the Guide was distributed to participants. Other materials that mentioned the regatta's green practices included the RBBS Skippers Updates and RBBS website.



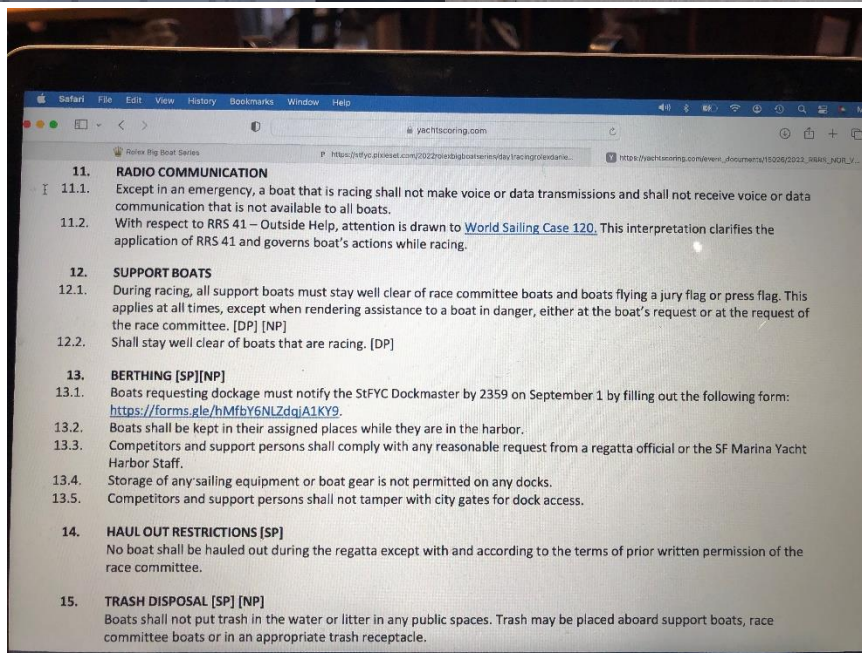
## 7. Involve Local Organizations:



Sail to Shelter, International Ocean Film Festival, Greater Farallons Association, Marine Conservation Institute, Blue Flag USA and WildAid Marine Enforcement had representatives at tables in the dock area to engage with regatta participants about their local efforts. The groups presented information on their programs to protect the Bay and green boating practices as well as how to support their programs.



## 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage:



We posted signage on separate recycling, composting and trash bins (see responses to #6 and #11), as well as signage on the clean regatta and green boating practices. Our posted Notice of Race that specifically addressed trash disposal (see response to #1).

## 9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably:



All fish/shellfish is Monterey Bay Aquarium certified. We served locally-sourced vegetables, meat, seafood and beverages when available.



## 10. Organize a Green Team:



The Regatta Executive Committee Sustainability Chair had a team composed of members from the club's Executive Race Committee.



## 11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage:



Maintained separate recycling, composting and trash bins. Composting of all food scraps and compostable goods was done by Recology. Recycling of all bottles, cans, plastic, glass, and cardboard was done by Recology. Notice of Race specifically addressed trash disposal (see response to #1).

## 12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill:



Compostable coffee service, including compostable coffee cups, lids, stirrers, napkins, and grounds; compostable beverage service, including compostable cocktail cups, straws and napkins. All single-use dinnerware is also compostable. Composting of all food scraps and compostable goods was done by



Recology. Mt. Gay Rum sponsors the Friday night party, and they used compostable branded cups. See photos in responses to #2 and #11.

### 13. Use Paperless Event Management:



Using online regatta management software for registration and results reporting. QR codes were used to access results, notices, social media, etc.



## 14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up:

Regatta participants were instructed to dispose of trash in bins on the dock (see response to #1).

## 15. Promote Alternative Transportation:



Safe, secure bike/scooter racks are at the club to promote green transportation. Sailors were housed near the club so they could walk to the regatta.



## 16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection:



Marine conservation partners distributed information about their efforts to protect the seas (see response to #7). Guest speaker Luiz Rocha, professor at the California Academy of Sciences, spoke at the owners' dinner on exploring and protecting the Indian Ocean's deep-sea coral.

## 17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives:



Post sailing appetizers included at least one vegetarian and one additional vegetarian or pescatarian option. All menus included vegetarian and vegan options.



## 18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques





Our spectator area is race deck seating. We run racing in view of the club so spectators can watch from shore and at the club with finishes at the end of the day in front of the club. We do not use bow stickers.



## 19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water



Water-only boat washdowns are the only practice that has been used at this club for years. Sailors for the Sea Green Boating Guide was displayed at the regatta plaza marine conservation exhibit area.

## 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices



Sailors for the Sea spoke at the Wednesday Yachting Lunch during the regatta about green boating practices which was posted online and publicized in regatta materials (see response to #7). Sailors for the Sea's Green Boating Guide was displayed at the Sail to Shelter table in the regatta plaza marine conservation exhibit area (see response to #19). Sail to Shelter collects used sails and uses them to construct shelters for refugees and needy communities. Efficient, up-to-date four-stroke engines are on all fuel-efficient RIB regatta support vessels. All anchored boats have engines off. Fuel and pump out facilities are offsite but under California and San Francisco regulations, and therefore are very safe and prevent spills.