

Oyster Palma Regatta 2022

27th – 30th September, Real Club Nautico de Palma

Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta
Platinum Level Sustainability Report

October 2022





Oyster Yachts Sustainability

The future of the oceans is in our hands and Oyster are committed to becoming the world's most sustainable yacht business, delivering experiences, adventures under sail with a positive impact on the planet.

By 2030, our ambition is to produce a yacht in the most sustainable manner possible, and one that can be entirely self-sufficient.

We recognise our responsibilities and are taking an ambitious approach to minimising our environmental impact by setting clear and achievable sustainability goals. As part of this, we have reviewed every aspect of our operations to minimise waste, reduce energy use and plastic consumption, whilst also considering the materials we use to manufacture our yachts.

Oyster are proud to be working with Sailors for the Sea across a number of our events such as Regattas and Oyster World Rally, to minimise the impact the event and the participants that attend them have on the environment.

After achieving Bronze Clean Regatta certification in 2017 and Gold in 2019, our aim is to achieve Platinum certification at the Palma Regatta 2022.

Best Practice 1 - Eliminate Single-Use Water bottles and provide refill stations

We communicated to participants prior to the Regatta that there would be no single-use plastic at the event and asked that they bought their own reusable water bottles to use throughout the regatta. Please see email snippet below:

Clean Regattas

There has been a big effort to ensure the Regatta is as clean and green as possible, so please could you all bring along your Oyster water bottles to set a good example (no single use plastic please!).

We placed Cleanwave Rocket water refill stations on the dock at RCNP and Andratx so participants could refill their reusable water bottles before and after sailing, and provided eco-friendly reusable cups at the dock parties which have been used for the third time.



Best Practice 2 - Eliminate Plastic Straws

Only 100% natural and biodegradable, chemical free, straws were offered at the Regatta.
The two types were made from Potato and Corn starch.



Best Practice 3 - Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

All caterers involved with the regatta had to use environmentally friendly sound alternatives to single-use plastics.

At the yacht club and gala dinner, drinks were served in glass and food was served on reusable dinnerware.

At dock parties, drinks were served in reusable cups and beer was served in cans which were recycled. The paella was served on bamboo plates.



Best Practice 4 – Use or Provide Reusable Bags

We worked with Sail Racing clothing to provide Regatta clothing and bags for the participants. Sail Racing use innovative and environmentally sustainable production methods and fabrics.

Each Oyster yacht was given a Sail Racing duffel bag for the Regatta to use throughout the week and in the future.



Best Practice 5 – Award Practical Items or use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

Our Event Partner Lewmar awarded winch handles as prizes on their race day.

The Overall prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each class were handmade by the Oyster Craftspeople from wood and metal.

The class winners were awarded the perpetual Oyster Regatta trophy which is used every year.



Best Practice 6 – Publicize your sustainability efforts

On social media

Our sustainability efforts were posted on social media in the lead up to the Regatta, to our audience of 145k followers.

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A Clean Regatta...

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Alongside epic racing and our famous social calendar, the Oyster Family can expect to see us making changes to reduce our consumption, to include The Cleanwave Rocket – a giant drinking water refill station on the dock minimising the need for single-use plastics, paperless event management, and we'll also be donating any leftover food to [Yachting Gives Back](#), to distribute to homeless shelters in the local area.

With 20+ Oyster Yachts signed up; this year's Regatta is shaping up to be an event you won't want to miss! Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/3PrDJZg>

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#OysterYachts #PalmaRegatta2022

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On Oyster Yachts website – www.oysteryachts.com

Details of our commitment to delivering a clean regatta and the initiatives we would follow are listed on the Palma Regatta webpage on the Oyster Yachts website.

Oyster Palma Regatta run as a Clean Regatta

Oyster Yachts are proud to be running the Oyster Palma Regatta as a Clean Regatta and are working with our hosts Real Club Nautico Palma to minimise the impact the event has on the environment.

After achieving Bronze Clean Regatta certification in 2017 and Gold in 2019, our aim is to achieve Platinum certification at the Palma Regatta 2022 with the following initiatives:

- The **Cleanwave Rocket** - a giant drinking water refill station on the dock at RCNP and Andratx for yachts to re-fill their reusable water containers and bottles.
- All caterers will provide an environmentally sound alternative to single-use plastics.
- Event documents are sent electronically via email and the Oyster app to reduce paper waste.
- Leftover event food is collected and distributed to homeless shelters by the local charity **Yachting Gives Back**.

We encourage all participants to make smart choices to help us protect the water and ecosystems we love so dearly. There is an opportunity for owners to donate to **SAVE THE MED** organisation based in Mallorca.

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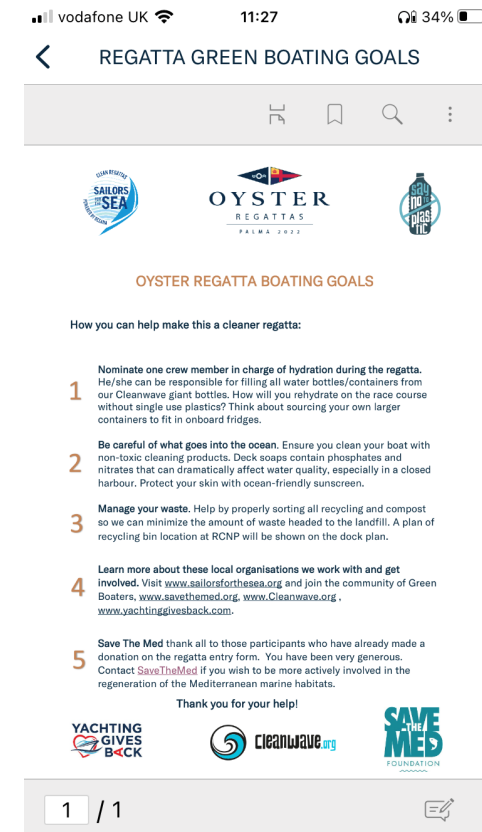
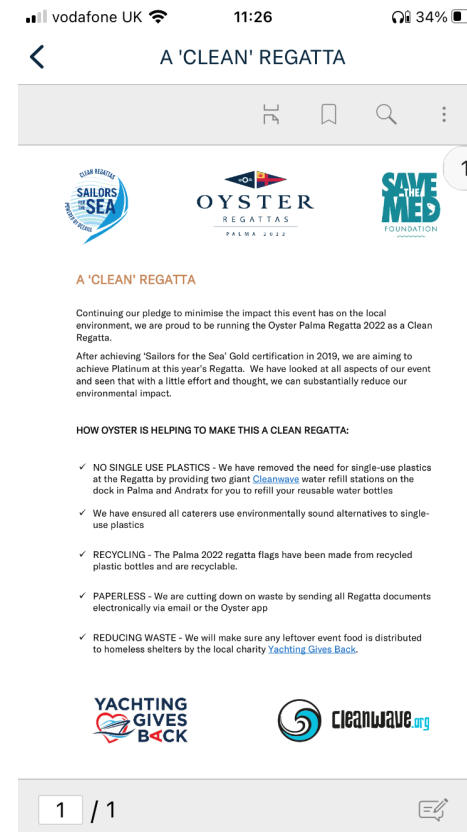
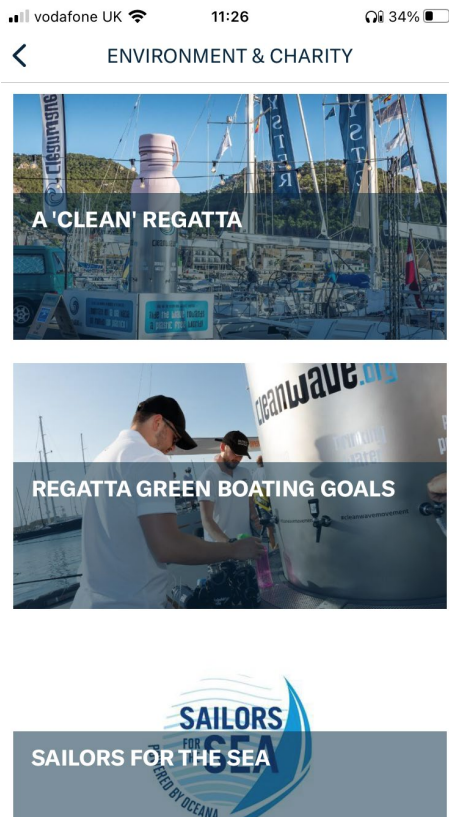


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On the Oyster Event app

We created an Environment and Charity section on the event app which included information on the organisations we were working with, including Sailors for the Sea, SAVE THE MED, Yachting Gives Back, as well as RCNP.

Links to each organisations website was included so participants could learn more about what they do.



Best Practice 7 – Involve Local Organisations

We worked with local organisations SAVE THE MED and Yachting Gives Back.

Participants donated £1,675 to SAVE THE MED foundation, to help vital research in the Balearics.

The donation box on the Regatta entry form is shown below.

Donation to 'SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION' (All donations received will be passed directly to the foundation)	AMOUNT	<input type="text"/>
Total amount due in £ Sterling	AMOUNT	



SAVE THE MED foundation

Are a marine conservation organisation based in the Balearic Islands focussed on regenerating the Mediterranean Sea. Their main focus is marine protection and pollution reduction.

Yachting Gives Back

Yachting gives back was set up to fight hunger and poverty in Mallorca. The team of YGB collect food and other necessities from the yachting community, and in particular the main shipyard in STP where yachts drop off supplies which will be taken to those in need.



Best Practice 8 – Post Educational and Reusable Signage

All educational signage was posted electronically to help aid our 'paperless' approach this year.

The Regatta Green Boating Goals were shared on the Oyster app which could be downloaded and printed by the participants if desired.

The screenshot shows the Oyster app interface for the 'A 'CLEAN' REGATTA' page. At the top, there are three logos: 'SAILORS FOR THE SEA', 'OYSTER REGATTAS PALMA 2022', and 'SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION'. Below the logos, the page title is 'A 'CLEAN' REGATTA'. The main text reads: 'Continuing our pledge to minimise the impact this event has on the local environment, we are proud to be running the Oyster Palma Regatta 2022 as a Clean Regatta. After achieving 'Sailors for the Sea' Gold certification in 2019, we are aiming to achieve Platinum at this year's Regatta. We have looked at all aspects of our event and seen that with a little effort and thought, we can substantially reduce our environmental impact.' Below this, a section titled 'HOW OYSTER IS HELPING TO MAKE THIS A CLEAN REGATTA:' lists several bullet points: 'NO SINGLE USE PLASTICS - We have removed the need for single-use plastics at the Regatta by providing two giant Cleanwave water refill stations on the dock in Palma and Andratx for you to refill your reusable water bottles'; 'We have ensured all caterers use environmentally sound alternatives to single-use plastics'; 'RECYCLING - The Palma 2022 regatta flags have been made from recycled plastic bottles and are recyclable.'; 'PAPERLESS - We are cutting down on waste by sending all Regatta documents electronically via email or the Oyster app'; and 'REDUCING WASTE - We will make sure any leftover event food is distributed to homeless shelters by the local charity Yachting Gives Back.' At the bottom, there are logos for 'YACHTING GIVES BACK' and 'Cleanwave.org'. The page number '1 / 1' is visible in the bottom left corner.

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Best Practice 9 – Serve Local Food and Source Seafood Sustainably

All caterers were local and where possible used local ingredients. Seafood was sourced from the Balearic Islands.



Best Practice 10 – Organise a Green Team

Oyster Regatta Green Team Millie Bolingbroke, Charlie Durham, Richard Gibson, were on site during the Regatta educating and encouraging participants to follow the Regatta Boating Goals.



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REGATTA GREEN BOATING GOALS

SAILORS FOR THE SEA OYSTER REGATTAS PALMA 2022 SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION

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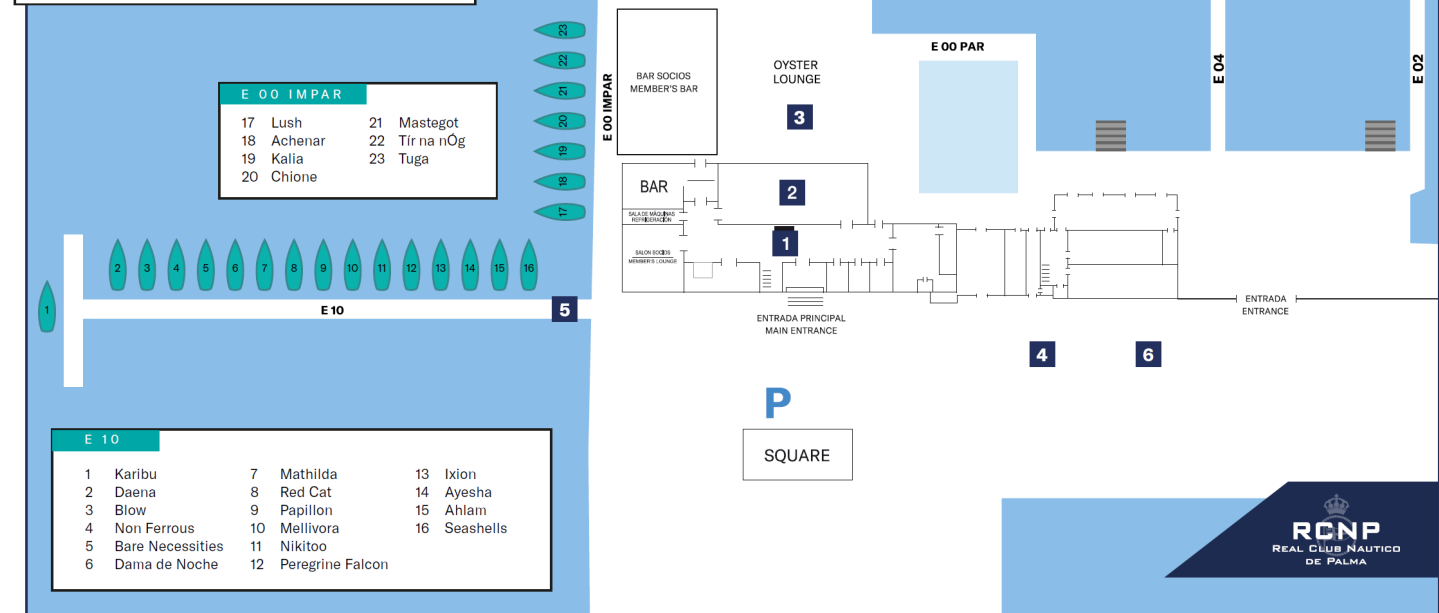
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Best Practice 11 – Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

We outlined the location of Recycling bins at RCNP on the plan below which was distributed on the app and by email.



- 1** RCNP Reception
- 2** REGATTA OFFICE, Registration Desk
27.09.22, Open 10:00 – 12:00hrs
- 3** OYSTER LOUNGE
Skippers Briefing, 27.09.22 at 17:30hrs
Open 28th & 29th from 08:30hrs for Race briefing & Coffee/Refreshments
- 4** TRANSPORT PICK UP/DROP OFF 30.09.22
- 5** FREE WATER REFILL STATION
- 6** RECYCLING BINS



Best Practice 12 – Divert Food waste from landfill

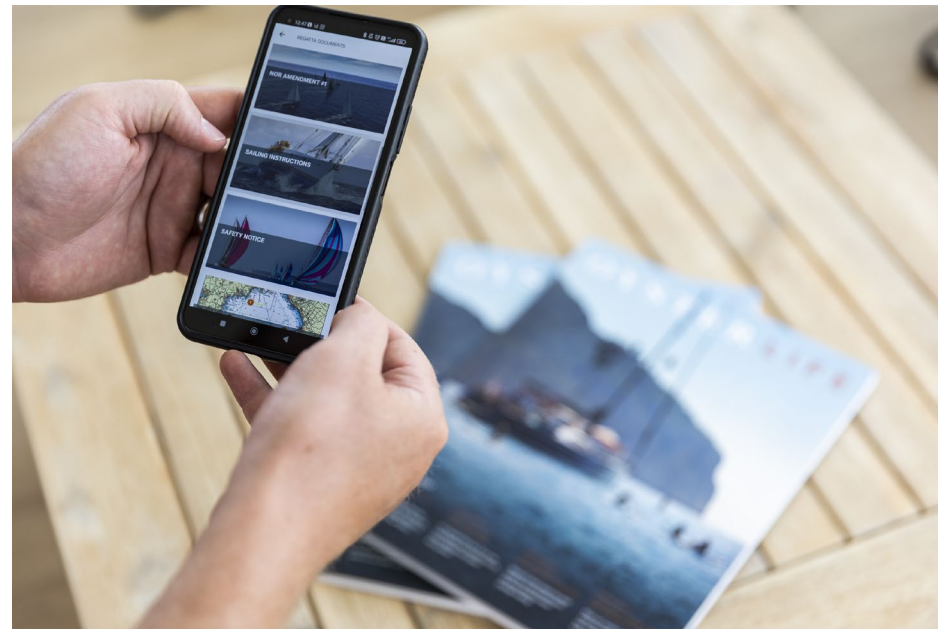
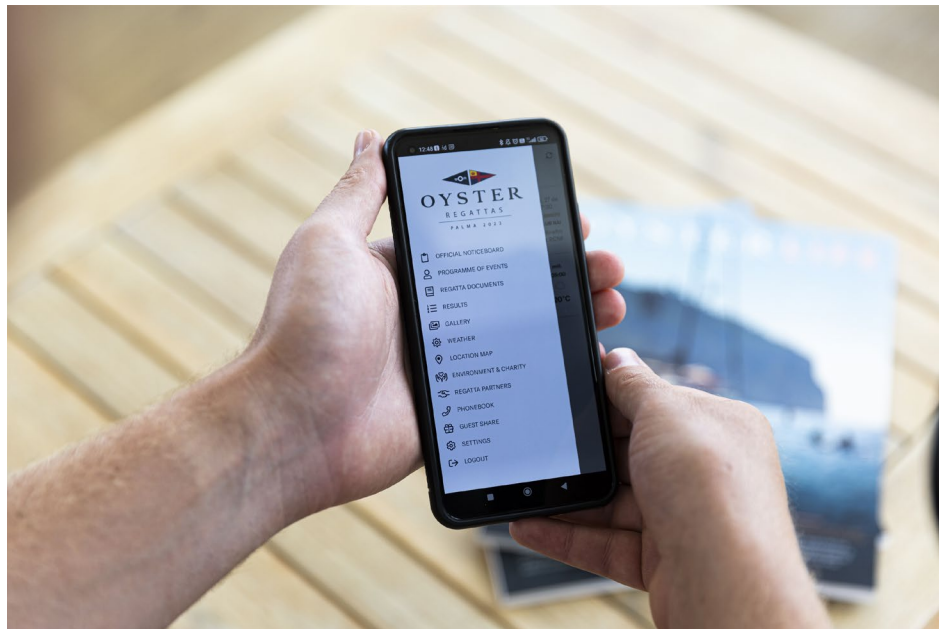
We worked with local organisation Yachting Gives Back who collected left-over regatta lunches at the end of each race day to donate to local homeless shelters. This in turn helped to divert waste from landfill.



Best Practice 13 – Use Paperless Event Management

All regatta documents were shared through the Oyster app and email, none were printed, which reduced a huge amount of paper waste at the event.

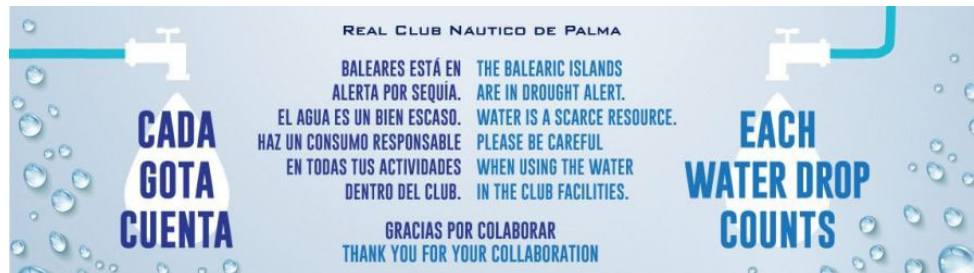
We believe 500 + sheets of paper were saved by using the app instead of printing race documents



Best Practice 14 – Host a Beach or Marina clean up

Oyster are proud to be working with yacht club who are passionate about sustainability and who are actively making a difference

- RCNP is internationally certified with ISO9001, ISO1001 and EMAS and have upheld this since 2012.
- They have been receiving the Blue Flag award for more than 15 years
- Their team are responsible for removing garbage from the marina seabed so that flora and fauna in the port can recover naturally
- They run activities for kids such as clean ups, exhibitions and talks
- Each year they brief all their staff so they are aware of the clubs initiatives and are able to share their knowledge



REAL CLUB NAUTICO DE PALMA

¡RECICLA! **iRECYCLE!**

Te proponemos una serie de pautas para el uso correcto de nuestros **PUNTOS VERDES**. We suggest you a guide to use properly our **RECYCLING POINTS**.

¡Gracias por ayudarnos a conservar el medio ambiente! ¡Thank you for help us to save the environment!

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RESIDUOS PELIGROSOS **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Evitamos contenedores especiales para residuos peligrosos en los que podrías depositar: **Fluorescent lightbulbs - Contaminated absorbents - Contaminated plastic - Medicinal containers**
 Tubos fluorescentes - Absorbentes contaminados - Envases plásticos - Envases contaminados
 Filtros de aceite - Toner - Pilas - Cohetes - Baterías - Acetatos usados
 Oil filters - Toner - Batteries - Flares - Used oil

Best Practice 15 – Promote Alternative Transportation

- Sailors were staying aboard their yachts so transport was not necessary, aside from the final evening we organised coaches of 50 seats to the venue minimising the number of vehicles.



Best Practice 17 – Offer Vegetarian or Vegan alternatives

- All caterers at the Regatta provided vegetarian or vegan options
- A vegetarian paella option was offered



Best Practice 18 – Use eco-smart Race Management Techniques

- The race committee sent updates and results through the oyster app, nothing was printed
- We did not use any bow or mark stickers at the event
- Event flags were made from an environmentally friendly flag material called EnviroFlag™, made from entirely recycled plastic bottles.



Best Practice 19 – Prevent Toxins entering the water

Participants were advised to be mindful of what goes in the ocean, in the Regatta Green Boating Goals and by the Green Team.

Notably, ensuring only non-toxic cleaning products and sun creams were used.

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The screenshot shows a mobile application interface. At the top, the status bar displays 'vodafone UK', signal strength, Wi-Fi, time '11:27', and battery '34%'. Below the status bar is a navigation bar with a back arrow and the title 'REGATTA GREEN BOATING GOALS'. Underneath is a search bar with icons for list, bookmark, search, and menu. Three logos are displayed: 'SAILORS FOR THE SEA', 'OYSTER REGATTAS PALMA 2022', and 'NO PLASTIC'. The main heading is 'OYSTER REGATTA BOATING GOALS'. Below this is the text 'How you can help make this a cleaner regatta:'. A numbered list of five items follows, with item 2 highlighted in orange. At the bottom, there is a 'Thank you for your help!' message and three logos: 'YACHTING GIVES BACK', 'cleanwave.org', and 'SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION'. A footer bar shows '1 / 1' and a share icon.

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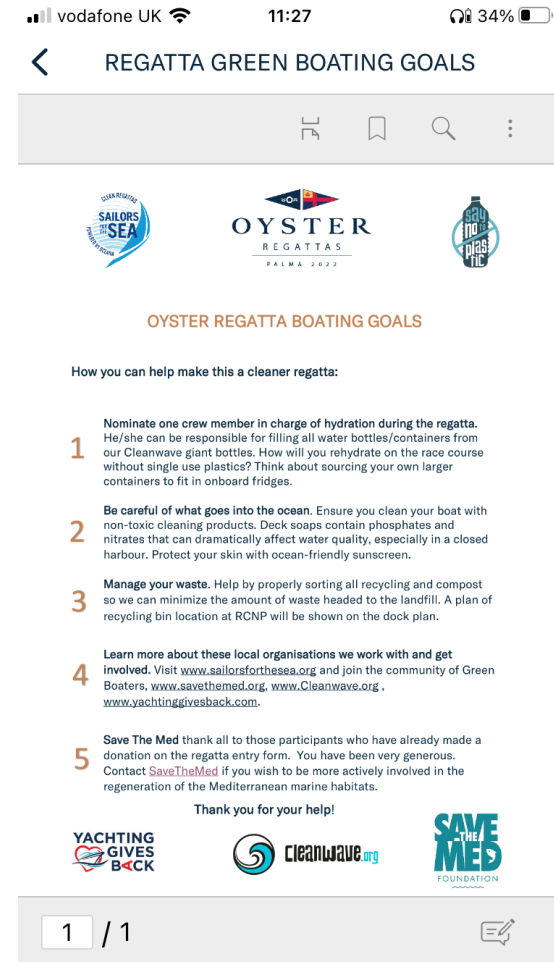
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Best Practice 20 – Encourage Green Boating Practices

We created 5 Regatta Green Boating Goals for participants to follow:

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