



## Santana 525 Nationals

JUL 21-23, 2023



# INTRODUCTION

The environment is important to the Kelowna Yacht Club.

We are committed to taking the necessary steps to protect our ecosystem and continually improve our overall performance within the Hospitality industry in the Okanagan.

We would like to thank our Green Team and Environmental Committee for all their support during this Regatta and throughout the year. Both of our environmental teams, conformed by staff and members, play a key role in ensuring the Club and its programs are environmentally conscious. We strive to be a leader in *sustainable hospitality operations management*.

From achieving our **5-anchor [Clean Marine BC](#)** rating, to continuing our commitment to the [TOTA Biosphere Program](#), we aim to develop our environmental and sustainability goals across all the businesses our club has generated 'til today: a restaurant, catering services, clubhouse services, sailing school & watersports, a café and hosting racing events such as [Open racing](#), [Women's Sailing](#), [Regattas](#) and [White Sails](#).

With the largest fleet of Santana 525s in the World, the KYC was pleased to host a national event for the classic American sailboat built between 1977 and 1982 . This will be the second Regatta we apply for the [Clean Regatta](#) as part of our environmental and sustainability goals for 2023.

Here is the evidence of how we applied some of the several requirements for hosting a Clean Regatta.

## ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS

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

KYC located water fountain stations in the Grand Banquet Rooms as we did at the Blossom Time Regatta.



Also, KYC has a permanent Water Fountain Station inside our clubhouse for people to refill their water bottles.



## **2. Eliminate Plastic Straws**

The KYC does not provide any straws at any of our events, restaurant or cafe, only by customer request. The ones we provide in those cases are made of paper which can go into the landfill or compostable bins.



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

At any regatta or banquet event, we provide washable ceramic plates and metal cutlery throughout the weekend for this event.





#### **4. Skip Bags or Go Reusable**

Some of the members leading the regatta took lunch in paper bags.



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

For the Santana 525 Regatta, we reuse the trophy every year and focus more on giving gifts that participants like and/or from local suppliers.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

During the 2 -day event in the morning meetings, one of the participants passed list and gave the environmental announcements at the beginning and during the event based on the checklist we provided to one of the captains.

\*Note: Short video will be attached to the email application or sent via WeTransfer.

### 7. Involve Local Organizations

The Kelowna Yacht Club besides collaborating with OASISS to educate members about invasive species, we support some others as the [Kelowna Museum Society](#) to promote Nsyilxcen language courses as part of our UN SDG's #18 regarding **Truth & Reconciliation** with First Nations in the Okanagan area.

Also, we support local brands and businesses such as [Cherry Hill Coffee](#), which is produced in this area, among others.



## 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage

Some of the signs used at the event were saved in folders to be used again for next year since they are QR which take to the online instruction and forms.



## RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

### 10. Organize a Green Team

Since 2020, the KYC created their first Green Team conformed by employees from each department. Also, since 2018 the club has counted on an Environmental Committee which was part of this Regatta to supervise the execution of each of the different eco-actions towards a more sustainable event.

One of the members of our Environmental Committee, Danny Foster, volunteered to recollect the evidence for this report and participated in the regatta as well.

\*Danny is the guy on the extreme left of this photo which was take at our previous regatta.





## 11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

In 2022, KYC started its first Waste Management Program which consists of a colour-based system with customized-branded signs all around our club and Marina, as well as training provided to every club department. Events like the Regatta give us the opportunity to keep bringing awareness among members, the public and gradually, re-educate ourselves regarding our conception of waste and ways we can all support the goal of sending less waste into landfills.





## 12. Divert Food Waste from Landfill

The KYC Back-of-House (Kitchen) and our Catering area in the past couple of years has implemented a system according to Food Safe regulations and our Sustainability goals, to use some of the sent-out food for staff meals and not sent-out food to be broken down for soups, and other features. This has allowed us to save \$900 approx less from the total monthly food cost.



## 13. Use Paperless Event Management

This year the club has transitioned the Registration process, Race results and any other requests, to our website as well as locating a monitor in the banquet room. Also as shown previously, we use QR codes for any informational document needed for the event.



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NOTICE OF RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SKIPPER & VESSEL REGISTRATION

WEEKEND MEAL TICKETS

CREW REGISTRATION

RECIPROCAL MOORAGE REQUEST

2023 Fee Schedule:

Skipper & Vessel Registration Entry Fee:

• Regular Entry Fee: \$100.00\* (\$120.00 after July 7th)\*

## Schedule of Events:

IN THE CLUB ON THE WATER EXPERIENCES MEMBERSHIP

### Friday, July 21

**5:00-7:00PM:** Registration & Check-In - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- All Skippers are asked to check-in at the Registration Desk
- All participants who have purchased a weekend meal ticket are asked to check-in at the Registration Desk to receive their wristband.

**5:00-10:00PM:** Welcome Social - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- Join your fellow sailors to kick off the regatta weekend!
- Food & beverages are available for purchase.

### Saturday, July 22

**7:30-9:00AM:** Breakfast - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- Available for all participants with a weekend meal ticket. Please note, no other food service will be available in the Grand Banquet Room at this time.

**9:00AM:** Competitors' Meeting - Commodore's Dock

**10:00AM:** First Warning Signal - On the Water

**5:00PM:** Bar Opens - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

**6:00-7:30PM:** Dinner Buffet - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- Available for all participants with a weekend meal ticket. Live music featuring Sista B & the Boyz will be on the Commodore's Dock as a part of the KYC Dock Live Music Series.

### Sunday, July 23

**7:30-9:00AM:** Breakfast - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- Available for all participants with a weekend meal ticket. Please note, no other food service will be available in the Grand Banquet Room at this time.

**9:30AM:** First Warning Signal - On the Water

**3:30PM:** BBQ Buffet - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- Available for all participants with a weekend meal ticket.

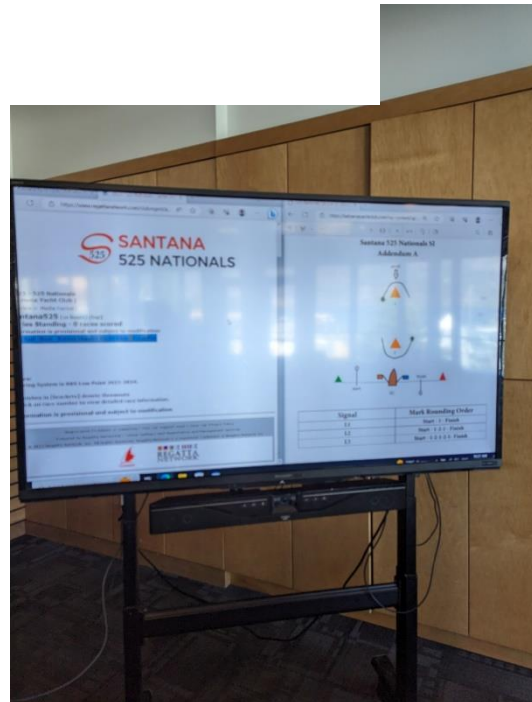
**4:30PM:** Awards Banquet & Ceremony - Grand Banquet Room (Second Floor of KYC Clubhouse)

- Timing is approximate and will vary depending on the time of the final race.

For more information or any questions, please contact Cary at [cary@kelownayachtclub.com](mailto:cary@kelownayachtclub.com).

## Race Results

### 2023 525 Nationals Regatta Results

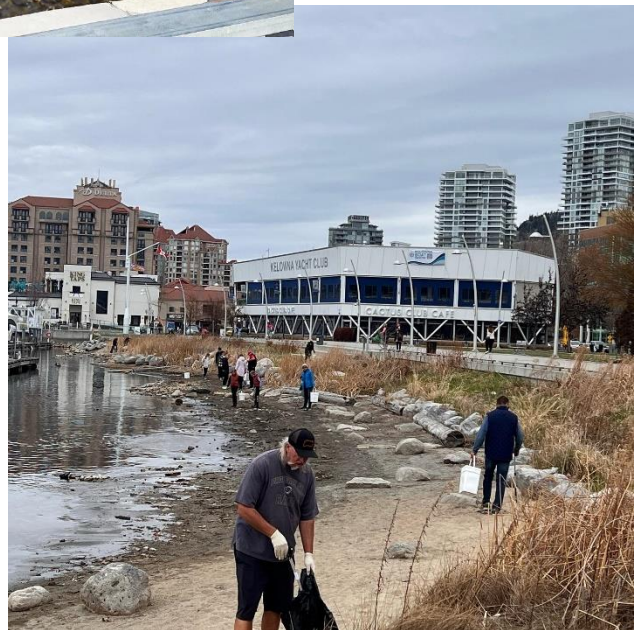


## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### 14. Host Beach or Marina Clean-Up

A few years ago, the KYC started organizing with the support of the Environmental Committee, every Spring for Earth Day in April, a Shore Clean Up with the goal of generating awareness about our lake, clear the basin out of waste debris and community involvement as an act of consciousness and support.

This 2023, it was done on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.





## 15. Promote Alternative Transportation

Before the event, and having good weather conditions, we decided to promote the use of alternative transportation such as biking supported with reliable infrastructure and security, walking or using our [Current Taxi](#) benefits. This company counts on an electric fleet for its services.



## 16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection

The KYC partnered 4-5 years ago with a regional organization, OASISS, to support us on bringing awareness and educate our members/public about invasive species and some others through their campaign program “Clean, Drain, Dry”. Signs are permanently located in specific spots in our Marina and Club.





## 17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

In our regular coffee shop, restaurant and catered events like this Regatta, our chefs always offer a vegetarian/vegan option and/or specific requirements from the organizers.

Our Galley Lakeside Café provides daily vegan/vegetarian meals which were mentioned at the Regatta morning meeting.



## GREEN BOATING

### 18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques

At the regatta morning meetings, the team leaders encourage all participants to reduce their engine use as an initiative to decrease the amount of fuel and GHG emitted from it.

The image on the left is the record of the time used by "**fossil square racing**" as a challenge to all the competitors to keep track of their time using their engine. The next one was 26 min of engine use. The regular engine time is for 50min- 1 hr.

Besides this positive team effort, our teams acquired reusable **fleet flags** for this and further regattas. They are used to identify what fleet the boat is in.



## 19.Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

As part of the indications prior to the regatta, team leaders encourage participants to purchase environmental-friendly sunscreens as an effort to reduce our impact in the water quality of our lake and water system.



## 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices.

At the regatta and in different spots of our marina and clubhouse, we located Clean Marine BC Guides for Green Boating, informational flyers and others as part of our commitment of continuing to educate members, staff and public about the [KYC Eco-Initiatives](#) and best practices to mitigate our impact on the Okanagan Lake.

