

OYSTER
REGATTAS
PALMA 2023



Oyster Palma Regatta 2023

4 – 8 September, Port Adriano, Mallorca

Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta
Platinum Level Sustainability Report

September 2023



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 Platinum certification at the Oyster Palma Regatta 2022, our aim is to maintain this at all future Palma Regattas going forward.

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 brought their own reusable water bottles to use throughout the regatta.

We placed a Cleanwave Rocket water refill station on the dock at Port Adriano so participants could refill their reusable water bottles before and after sailing.

All caterers were briefed and did not serve any single use plastic items.



Best Practice 2 - Eliminate Plastic Straws

Only 100% natural and biodegradable or reusable straws were offered at the Regatta.



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.

All drinks were served in glasses and food was served on reusable dinnerware.

At dock parties, beer was served in glass bottles and aluminium cans which were recycled.



Best Practice 4 – Use or Provide Reusable Bags

Each Oyster yacht was given an Oyster Regatta duffel bag 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, and Pantaenius lifejackets as practical prizes.

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

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



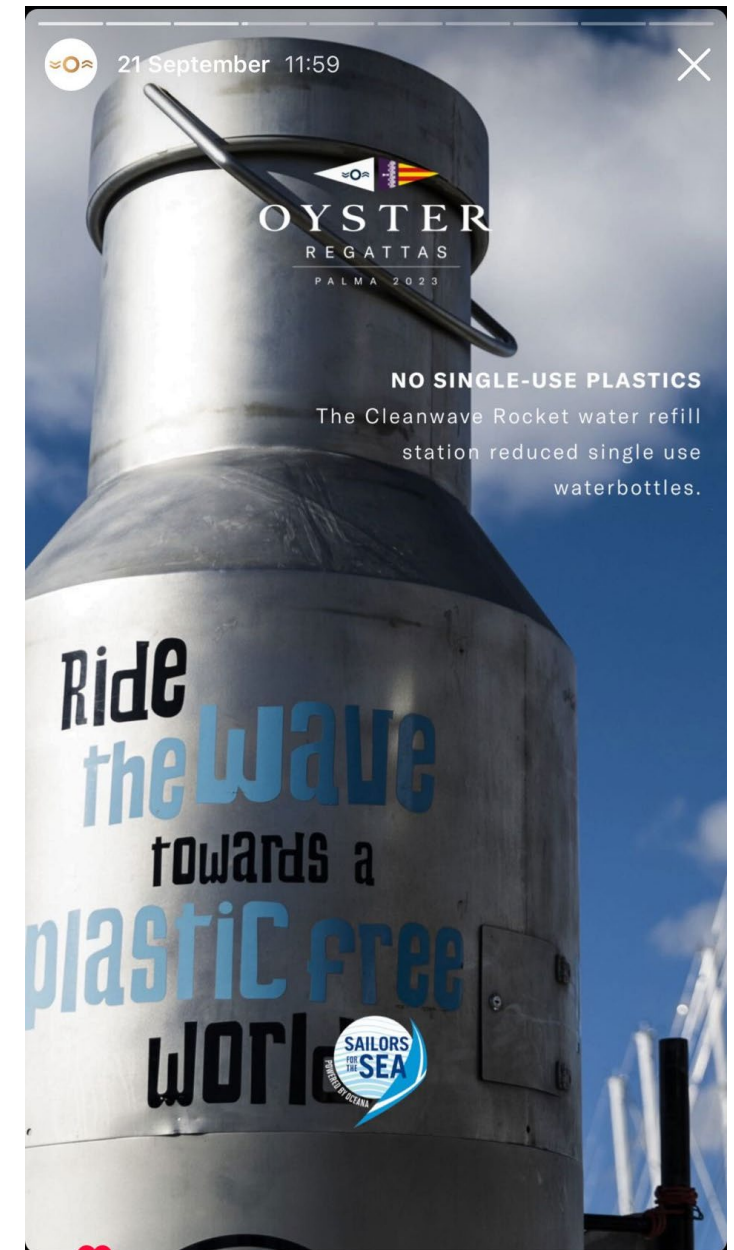
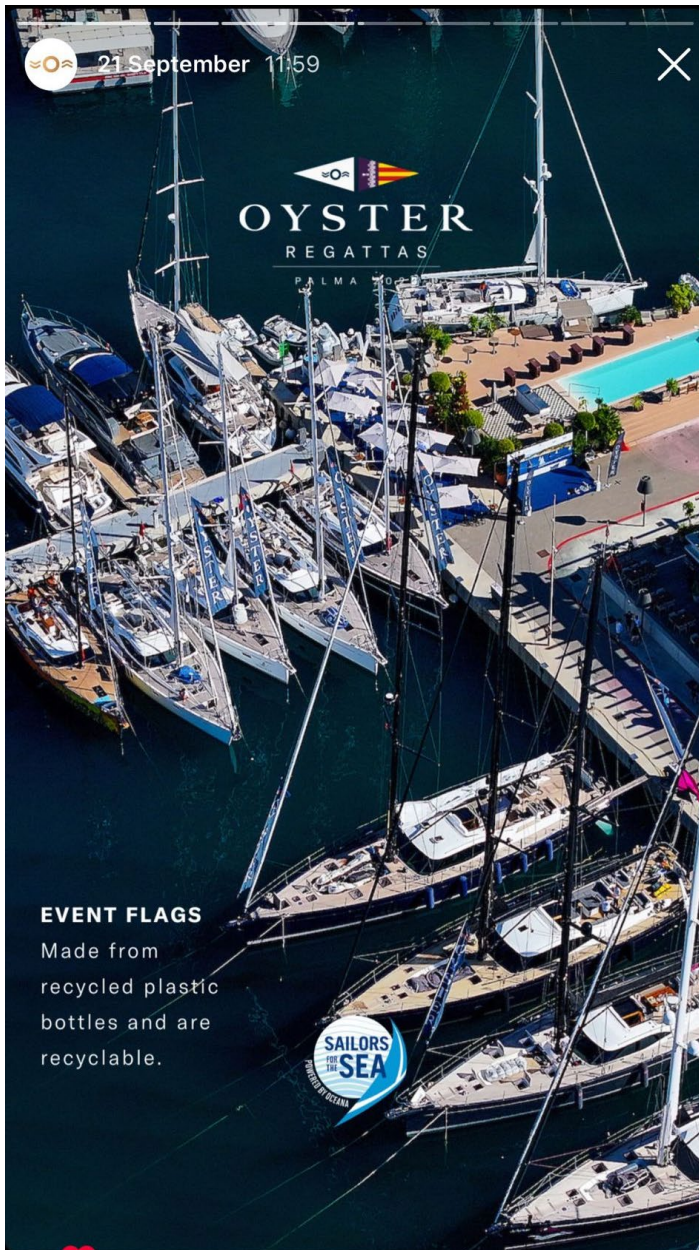
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On social media

Our sustainability efforts were posted on social media, to our audience of 182k followers.









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On Oyster Yachts website – www.oysteryachts.com/events/palma-regatta/

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 to run as a Clean Regatta

Oyster Yachts are proud to be running the Oyster Palma Regatta as a Clean Regatta to minimise the impact the event has on the environment.

The Oyster Palma Regatta was awarded Bronze Clean Regatta status in 2017, Gold in 2019 and Platinum Clean Regatta in 2022. We are once again aiming to achieve Platinum certification at the Palma Regatta 2023.

At the Regatta, you can expect to see:

- The **Cleanwave Rocket** - a giant drinking water refill station on the dock 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 to be sent electronically via email and the Oyster app to reduce paper waste.
- Leftover event food will be collected and distributed to homeless shelters by the local charity **Yachting Gives Back**.

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

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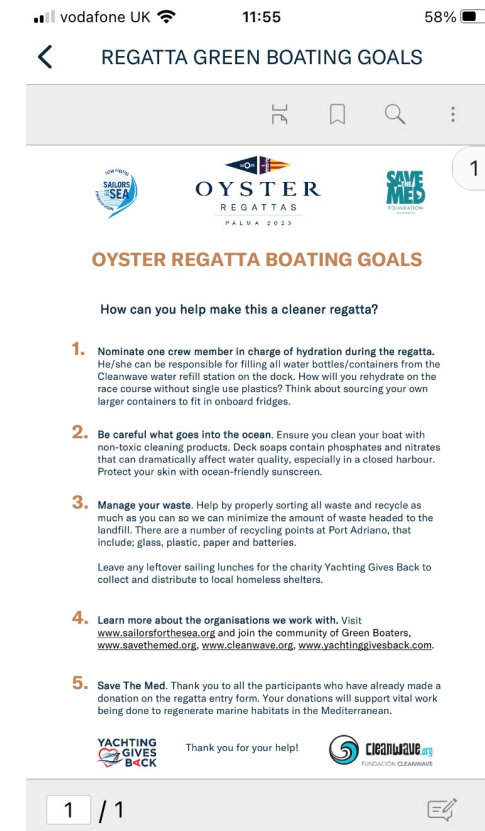
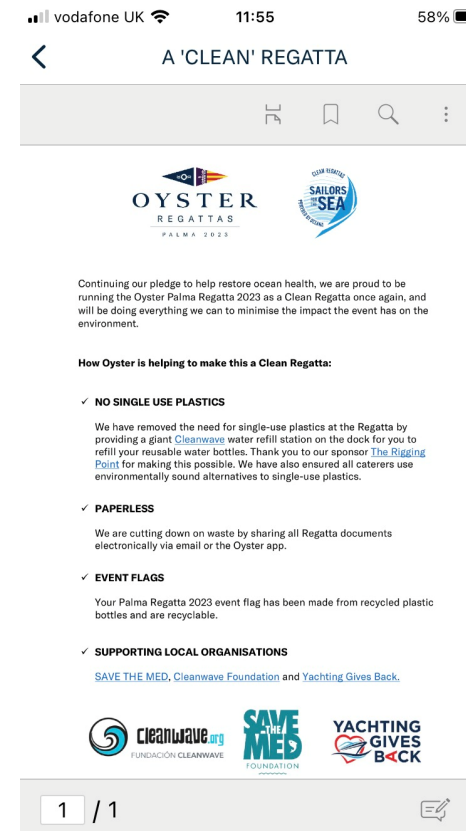
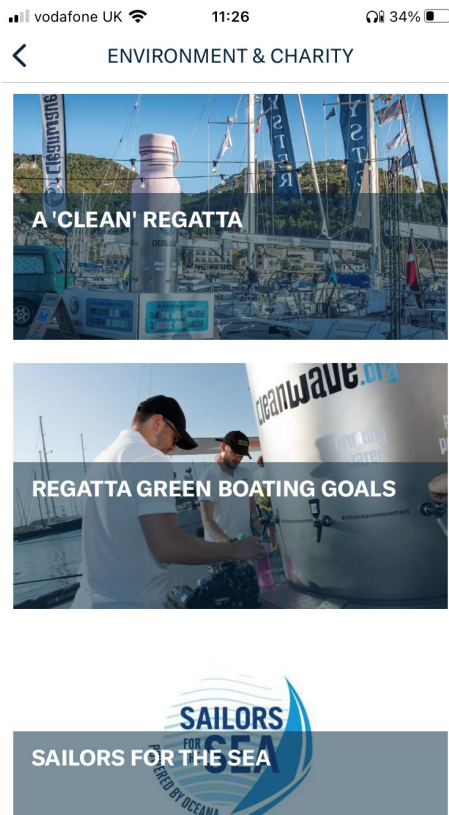


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On the Oyster Event app

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, Cleanwave and Yachting Gives Back.

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 £1,025 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

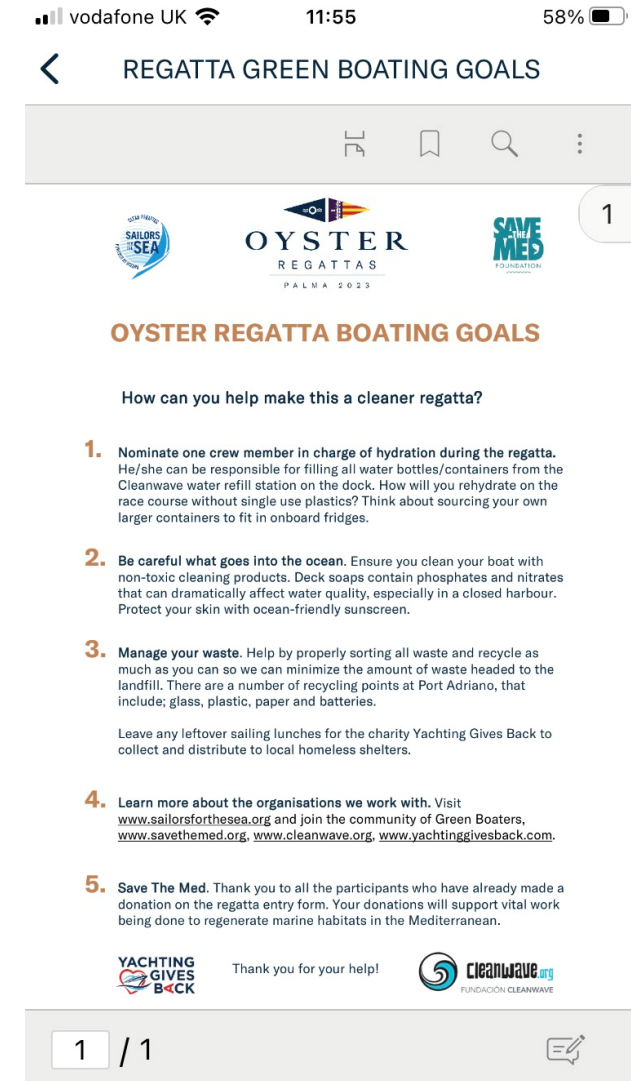
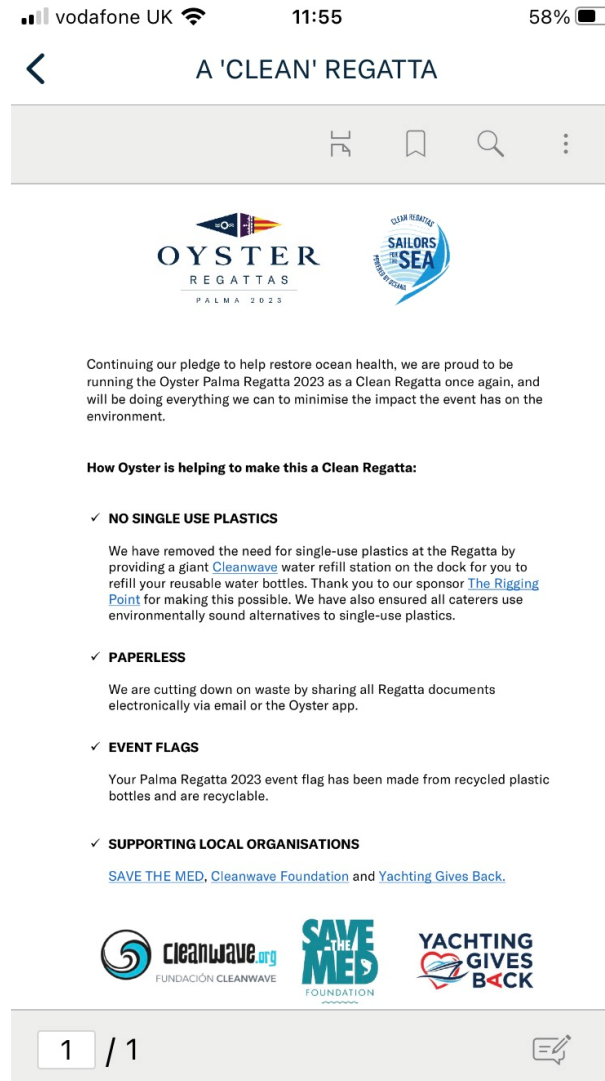
Yachting gives back was set up to fight hunger and poverty in Mallorca. The team of YGB collect food and other necessities from the yachting community, and in particular the main shipyard in STP where yachts drop off supplies with will be taken to those in need.



Best Practice 8 – Post Educational and Reusable Signage

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

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



Best Practice 9 – Serve Local Food and Source Seafood Sustainably

All caterers were local and used local ingredients where possible.



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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- 2. Be careful what goes into the ocean.** Ensure you clean your boat with non-toxic cleaning products. Deck soaps contain phosphates and nitrates that can dramatically affect water quality, especially in a closed harbour. Protect your skin with ocean-friendly sunscreen.
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Leave any leftover sailing lunches for the charity Yachting Gives Back to collect and distribute to local homeless shelters.
- 4. Learn more about the organisations we work with.** Visit www.sailorsforthesea.org and join the community of Green Boaters, www.savethemed.org, www.cleanwave.org, www.yachtinggivesback.com.
- 5. Save The Med.** Thank you to all the participants who have already made a donation on the regatta entry form. Your donations will support vital work being done to regenerate marine habitats in the Mediterranean.

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Best Practice 11 – Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Recycling bins at Port Adriano were outlined on this plan, and distributed on the app



Green Point

Should you need to drop something off at the Green Point and you find it closed, **please do not leave it on the ground**, please call

Security → 647 832 454

Port Staff → 678 788 072

Maintenance → 647 832 462

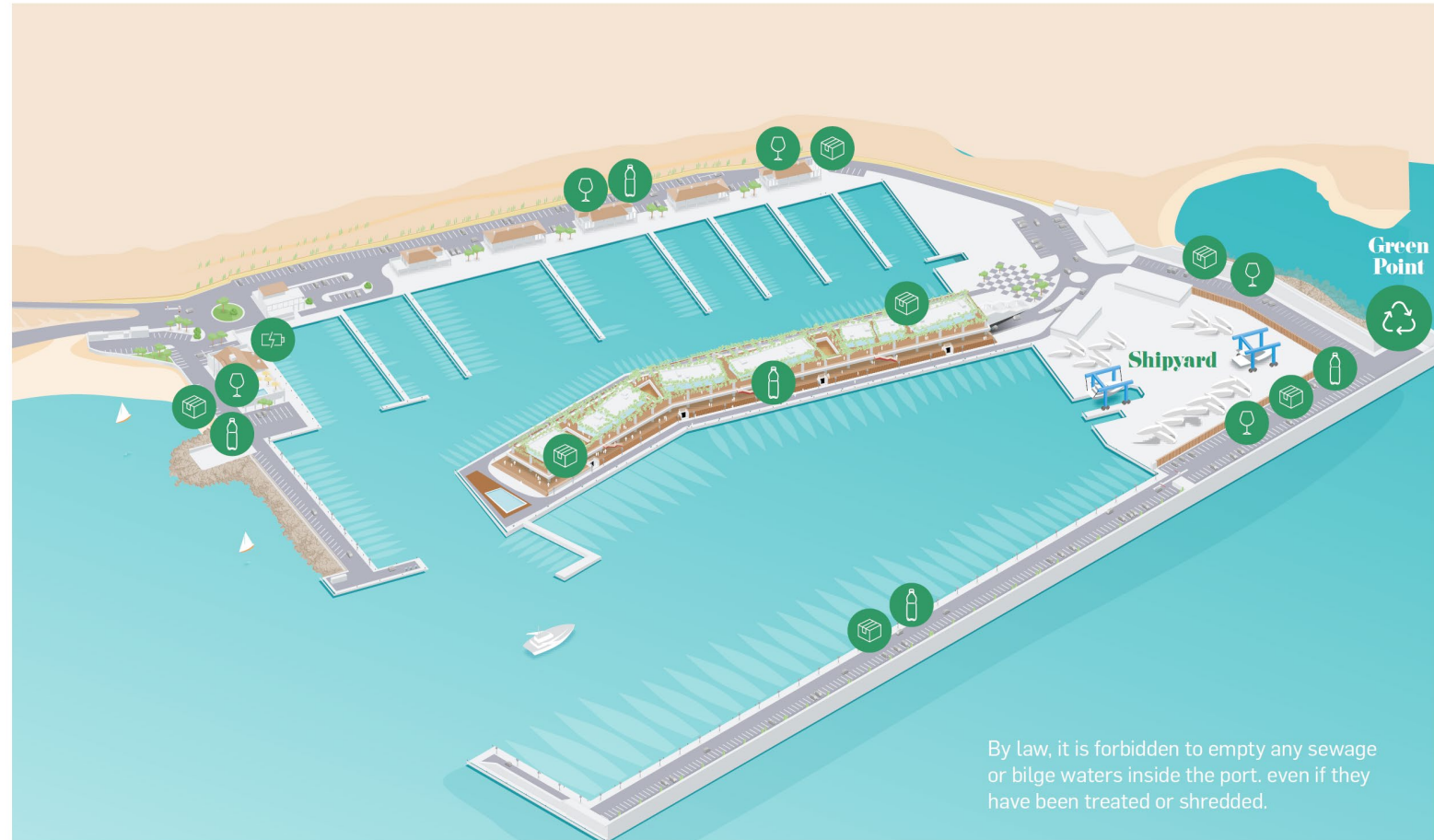
Channel → VHF9

Glass

Paper

Plastic

Batteries



Best Practice 12 – Divert Food waste from landfill

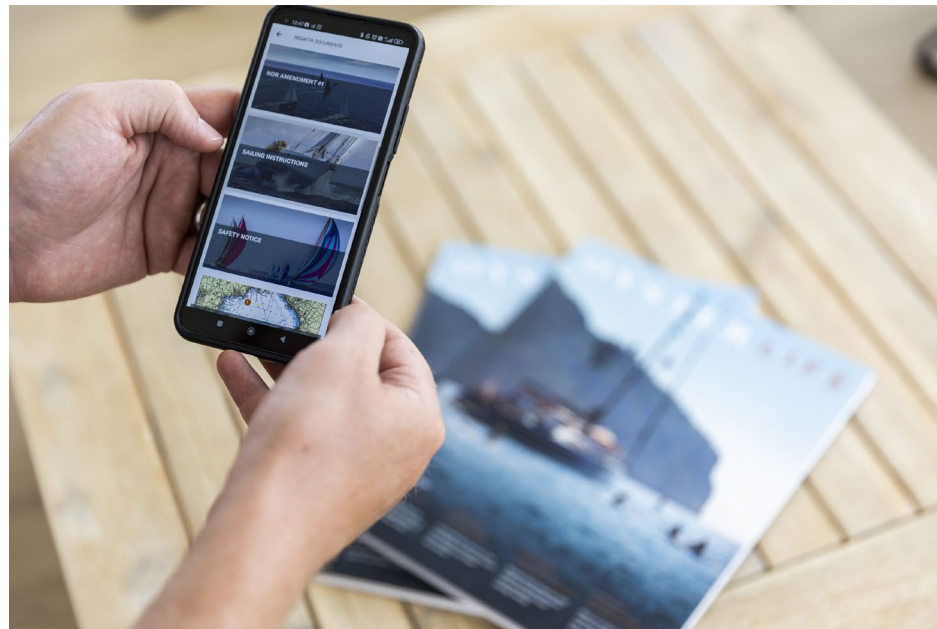
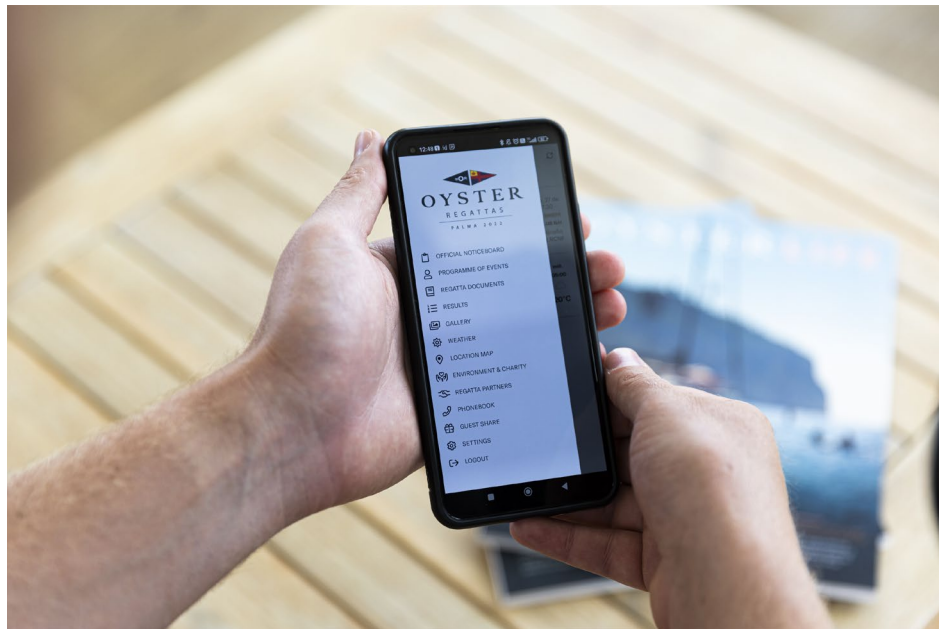
We worked with local organisation Yachting Gives Back who collected left-over regatta lunches at the end of each race day to donate to local homeless shelters. This in turn helped to divert waste from landfill.



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 400 + 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 is proud to be working with Port Adriano marina who are passionate and committed to sustainability and who are actively making a difference. Please see below information about the initiatives they run and organisations they support.

Our commitment to the conservation and protection of the environment at sea and on the coast is based on:

- **Optimizing** water and energy consumption
 - **Preventing pollution**
 - **Promoting selective waste** collection
 - **Controlling and reducing atmospheric and noise pollution**
 - **Defining and ensuring emergency plans**
 - **Complying** with applicable legislation
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- **Training workers** in sustainability and occupational health and safety
 - **Encouraging** proactive and positive environmental practices among users, customers and suppliers
 - **Initiating such practices ourselves** with events such as Plastic Day or collaborate with important associations and causes such as The Seabin, Project, Palma Aquarium Foundation, Calvià City Council's Posidonia Campaign, Mar de Fondo, Project Zero, Save the Med, CleanWave Foundation, etc



Seabin Project collaboration

In 2017, thanks to the collaboration with the Seabin Project, consisting of the installation of a revolutionary floating litter bin that collects plastics from the sea, Port Adriano received an award from the Balearic Government for the best CSR initiative, being the first Seabin pilot port.



Fundación
Palma Aquarium

Collaboration agreement between Port Adriano and the Palma Aquarium Foundation

The collaboration agreement between Port Adriano and the Palma Aquarium Foundation actively promotes the conservation of the biodiversity of our seas and oceans. This agreement has three main lines of action:

- Organising training and awareness days for the various interest groups such as schoolchildren, port users and workers.
- Distribution of didactic material based on environmental education and sustainability.
- Active maintenance of a system of assistance to endangered marine species, which focuses especially on the recovery and treatment of sea turtles.

CLEANWAVE

Cleanwave Collaboration

Port Adriano collaborates with the Cleanwave Foundation. Among several of its projects is MedGardens, which mission is to regenerate Mediterranean underwater forests. Among the actions that this foundation provides in Port Adriano are talks and round tables on marine regeneration and plastic prevention. Workshops on marine citizen science, Art Showroom for marine regeneration with talks, exhibitions, art auctions, workshops for children.



Collaboration agreement with SAVE the MED

Port Adriano collaborates with SAVE THE MED Foundation, providing them with a mooring for the NGO's boat and through recreational and environmental actions for the community.



Port Adriano always supports local sport for children and young people.

As a socially responsible action in Port Adriano, we are also sponsors of the teams of Básquet Calvià, Club de Atletismo Sporting de Calvià, Fútbol Sala (ETB Calvià) to help these clubs to develop sports programmes for the youngest of our community on a continuous basis.

Best Practice 15 – Promote Alternative Transportation

Brompton bikes were provided for participants to travel around the marina, reducing the need for cars and taxis



Best Practice 17 – Offer Vegetarian or Vegan alternatives

Vegetarian options were served with most meals at the Regatta, and were always available to pre-order for sit down functions.



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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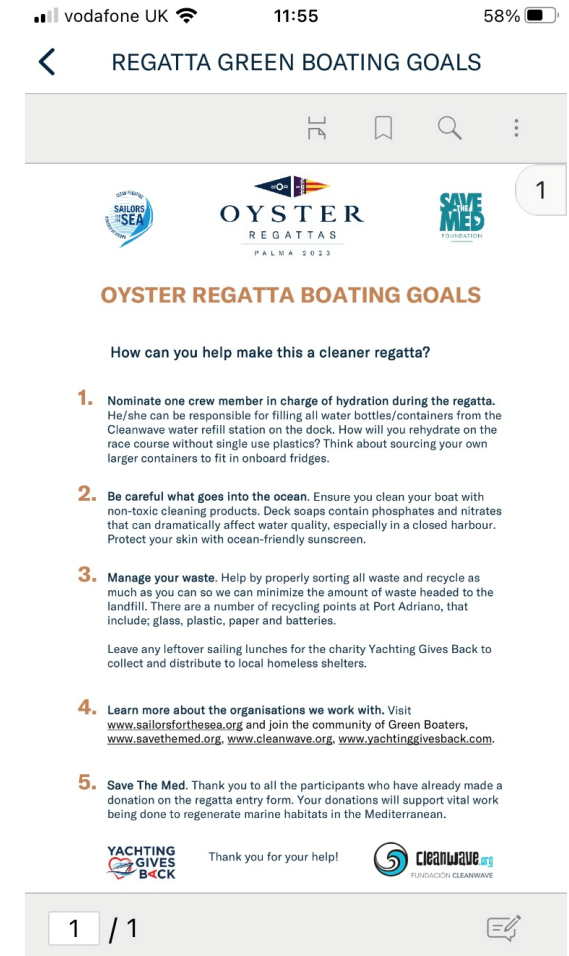
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Best Practice 20 – Encourage Green Boating Practices

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

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