

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:



At the event we had a multi-spout water bottle filling station on the dock. The club has a single spout water filling station permanently installed next to the dock. 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 (see response to #6).

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. Dockside beer was served in pitchers so sailors could use refillable cups. We communicated with food truck vendors about sustainability goals for the regatta which included using plastic-free or compostable glasses and plates.



4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags:





The skipper bags were fabric duffels. Race Committee members had reusable bags to use for their lunches.

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:

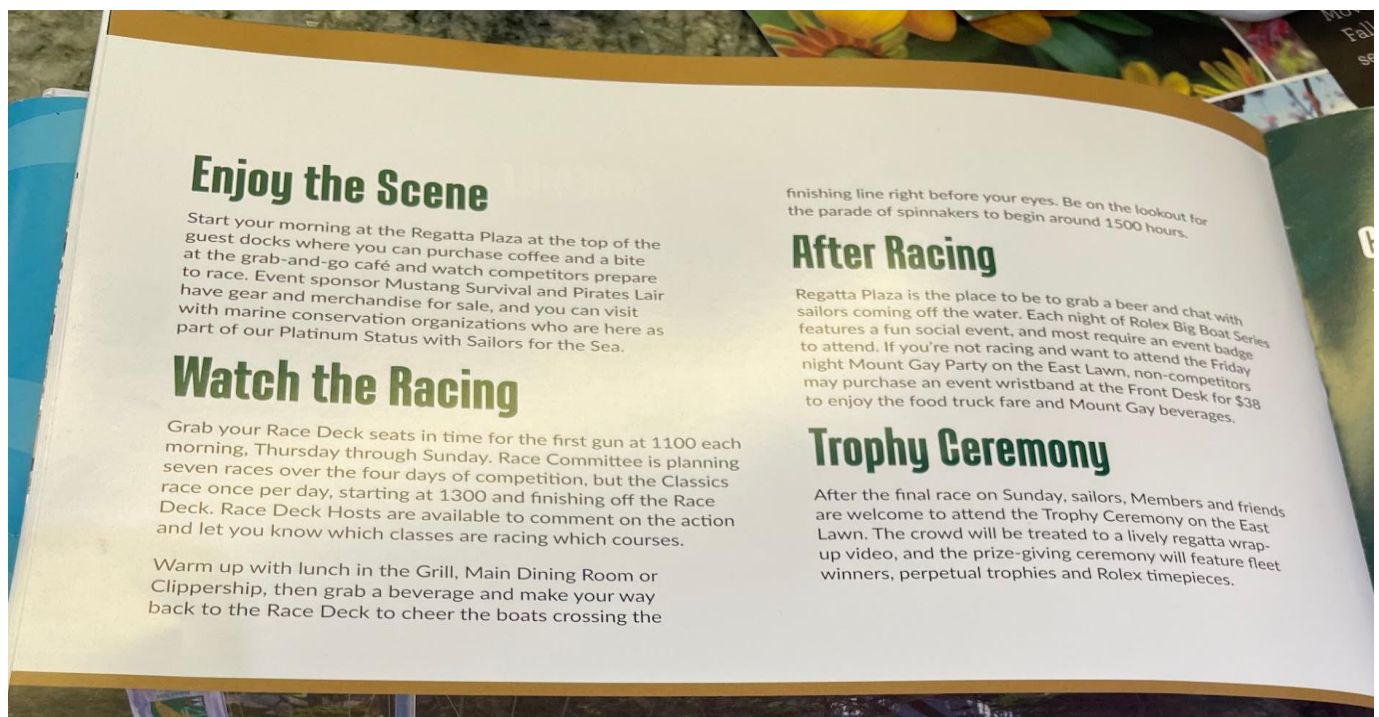


ORC DIVISION

The ORC division assignments will be posted by 1700 on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. We intend to have 4 divisions as shown in Sailing Instructions Attachment A – Schedule of Races.

CLEAN REGATTA

Rolex Big Boat Series is a Platinum-Level Clean Regatta certified by Sailors for the Sea. We would like to remind you to bring your own refillable water bottle. There will be plenty of water refilling stations throughout the venue.



A press release posted on August 22 discussed clean regatta certification and our sustainability efforts:

SAILORS FOR THE SEA

Rolex Big Boat Series has always showcased leaders in innovation, from attracting the latest in high-tech sailing vessels and race management strategies, to event operations ashore, which abide by the latest in environmental responsibility practices.

“We encourage competitors to use our water bottle filling stations, we provide recycling bins and we compost everything possible,” noted Meg Ruxton, Sustainability Chair of Rolex Big Boat Series. “We

partner with several environmental organizations and this will be our fifth consecutive year achieving Clean Regatta status with Sailors for the Sea.”

PLATINUM LEVEL CLEAN REGATTA

Rolex Big Boat Series meets the highest level of recognition from Sailors for the Sea. Our goals include:

Eliminate single use plastic: Sailors, don't forget your refillable water bottles!

Abide by Green Boating Guidelines

Waste reduction via recycling and composting

Partnership with environmental organizations

Press releases issued on 9/13/23 and 9/17/23 included the following:

PLATINUM LEVEL CLEAN REGATTA

Rolex Big Boat Series meets the highest level of recognition from Sailors for the Sea. Visit our Sustainability Partners at Regatta Plaza.

Donate your used sails to Sail to Shelter

Local Initiatives with International Ocean Film Festival

Learn about Ocean Voyages Institute

Bulletin discussed our SAIL DONATION PROGRAM:

This year we are partnering with Mafia Sails, a local company to donate old sails - please use the attached form to submit if you want to donate sails as you make room for new ones! You have a choice of a thank you gift on the form.

On the RBBS Website Home Page:

Rolex Big Boat Series is a Platinum-Level Clean Regatta certified by Sailors for the Sea (with their logo).

The Members' Guide in the StFYC magazine and the Guide that was distributed to participants encouraged members to visit with marine conservation organizations who are at the regatta as part of our Platinum Status with Sailors for the Sea.

7. Involve Local Organizations:







On regatta plaza next to the dock, we had an area set aside with a banner stating: Partners Protecting our Seas. Local organizations Sail to Shelter, International Ocean Film Festival, and Ocean Voyages Institute had representatives at tables in the dock area to engage with regatta participants about their local efforts. The groups presented information on their programs as well as how to support their programs.

8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage:



We posted signage on the eliminating single use plastics and green boating practices. Reusable banners were used at the event regarding marine conservation partners, eliminating single use plastics and green boating practices. QR codes were posted throughout the regatta and used for obtaining more information. We have all the proper bins to ensure members and guests properly dispose of items. We use the three-compartment receptacles, which are labeled and color-coded. Waste bins had signage about whether the bin was for items going to land fill, recycling or composting. Additionally, the City of San Francisco periodically conducts audits of trash bins and has found that the club is in compliance.

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, race office and other interested club members. We have a large green team, including RBBS committee members, executive race committee and volunteer race committee members, race office staff and other club staff (events and media/communications teams). We shared responsibilities.

RBBS committee members met regularly to coordinate all of the sustainability efforts and the sustainability chair had responsibility to make sure all requirements were met. ERC met monthly with the sustainability chair providing monthly reports. At the meetings the committee discussed progress made in organizing the event as well as troubleshooted when needed. Volunteer race committee members worked at the event to deal with any issues that arose related to signage, waste disposal, eliminating plastics and green boating practices.

Club staff contributed many hours to making the event sustainable before and during the regatta. Race office staff handled all notices sent to participants about rules for the regatta related to sustainability.

Staff set out the bins with signage and is trained to sort through the bags if they notice items are incorrectly disposed. Staff hung the banners and posted other signage throughout the venue. Staff ordered and set up the reusable and compostable plates, cups and utensils. Staff posted information about sustainability efforts on social media and in club communications (announcements and magazine).

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.

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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 was also compostable.

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13. Use Paperless Event Management:





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the Sailing Instructions

means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

00 to 1200 for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Friday, September 15	Saturday, September 16	Sunday, September 17
1300 1700	1300 1700	1300

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Classics: A boat failing to start within four (4) minutes without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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VIDEO EQUIPMENT

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assigned to install and operate onboard camera units shall be in the Press Room (Ward Room) and shall return them no later than 2100. Camera units will be informed before 2100 the day before. All participants will join an instruction meeting at 0900 at the Press Room.

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ROLEX BIG BOAT TEAM TROPHY

SPYC Rolex Big Boat Team Trophy:

Yacht Club	Boats
San Francisco Yacht Club	Peregrin Niuh Viva
Francis Yacht Club	Lucky Duck Ravenette Risk
Francis Yacht Club	Skeleton Key Hijinks Blackhawk

SPYC Rolex Big Boat Team Trophy will be presented to the first boat entered under the same yacht club, represented by one One-Design boat, plus one additional boat from any other class in NOR 10.4. All helmspersons shall be Group 1 as per World Sailing Categorization Code.



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Weigh-In Times

St. Francis Yacht Club

Below are the weigh-in times for the J/105 and Express 37 classes.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, Sept. 9	9:00 – 10:00am	Board Room
Sunday, Sept. 10	4:00 – 6:00pm	Board Room
Wednesday, Sept. 13	4:00 – 6:00pm	Chart Room
Thursday, Sept. 14	8:00 – 9:30am	Chart Room
Friday, Sept. 15	8:00 – 9:00am	Chart Room
Saturday, Sept. 16	8:00 – 9:00am	Chart Room
Sunday, Sept. 17	8:00 – 9:00am	Chart Room



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Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.*

Notice: The Official Notice Board (ONB) is still the only official source of information for this regatta.



Submit Request for Hearing



Submit Scoring Inquiry

NOTICE: When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.



Online Notice Board



Hearing Schedule



Hearing Decisions



Scoring Inquiries

The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.*

15. Promote Alternative Transportation:

PARKING

The east lot is reserved for Members and trailers. The west lot is public, accessible on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that cars parked in event-specific spots, restricted zones, or blocking access will be towed. Do not leave any valuables in sight, in your car or on the docks. We encourage carpools, rideshare and bike/scooters. When parking in the SF Marina lots or Crissy Field, please follow all posted signs.



Safe, secure bike/scooter racks are at the club to promote green transportation.

For big regattas, including RBBS, participants and members generally walk, ride bikes, carpool and use public transportation, if possible, because parking is so restricted and difficult. Notices were sent out about parking restrictions and staff encouraged alternative transportation in their communications.

16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection:



Marine conservation partners, including Sailors for the Sea and Ocean Voyages Institute distributed information about their efforts to protect the seas (see response to #7).



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. The Sailors for the Sea Green Boating Guide was displayed at their table at the regatta plaza partners exhibit area and was shared with participants through social media and QR codes at the event.

20. Encourage Green Boating Practices:

Sailors for the Sea's Green Boating Guide was displayed at the table in the regatta plaza partner exhibit area and a short version was distributed at the event. Sail to Shelter discussed how they collect used sails and use them to construct shelters for refugees and needy communities. We partnered with Mafia Sails, a local company to donate old sails. We provided the below form to submit "if you want to donate sails as your make room for new ones!"

MAFIA BAGS: SAIL DONATION PROGRAM

Thank you for choosing to up-cycle with us! The steps to donation are very simple.

First, please check that your sail(s) meet the below requirements for sail donation:

1. Sails must be in generally good condition (i.e. not too stained, or so worn that material rips easily).
2. Dacron sails which are very stiff may not be usable -- please email or call us if you're unsure.
3. Unfortunately, we cannot accept sails made out of laminates or monofilm.

If your sail(s) meet the above requirements, please fill out the form below and send it along with your sail to 1590 43rd Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122. If you live nearby, you can also drop it off at our shop, we would love to meet you!

One last thing -- we would love to hear a cool story about your time with the sail to post on our blog. If you'd like, please send a story via email.

That's it, you're done.

P.S. If you have more than one sail to donate, please indicate the number of sails and exchange items next to your selections below.

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.



