

CLEAN REGATTA REPORT - SAILORS FOR THE SEA

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Clean Regatta Report

Hong Kong Race Week is an annual event, that repeatedly demonstrates a collective commitment to improving our marine environment by educating our sailors, applying recycling principles, minimising waste and avoiding single-use plastics.

The event is well recognised for its commitment to Sailors for the Sea as an established Clean Regatta.

1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations to fill up personal reuseable water bottles

From the onset – the RHKYC has been actively promoting the banning of single use plastic products at the club.

On 4 May 2016 – the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club announced that the Club will no longer sell beverages in single-use plastic bottles nor provide members with plastic bags or plastic straws. This initiative took effect from 8 June 2016, an auspicious date being the internationally celebrated World Oceans Day, a United Nations recognised day of celebration and action for the ocean held every 8 June.

Then RHKYC Rear Commodore of Sailing, Anthony Day said, “Reducing the amount of waste being dumped into our oceans is one of the challenges of our time. Here in Hong Kong, where recycling is effectively non-existent, it’s impossible to sail far without being struck by the amount of plastic that finds its way into our waters and onto our beaches.

As one of the world’s larger and most active yacht clubs, RHKYC is then uniquely positioned to be able to show innovation and leadership in no longer using or providing plastic bags, bottles or straws. I am proud of our cadets for showing the way through their successful initiatives promoting the use of reusable water bottles over the past three editions of ***Hong Kong Race Week*** and grateful both to our management and to our membership for now taking up the ‘plastic free’ challenge with effect from World Oceans Day.”

“Navigating the World Towards Ocean Health” - NO SINGLE USE PLASTIC BOTTLES!

Reuse Water Bottles

As one of the RHKYC’s flagship events, Hong Kong Race Week took on a further step in 2026 to encourage recycle and reuse of water bottles distributed from earlier editions of HKRW. As sailors have received water bottles from many other sporting events, the event took the stand to eliminate unnecessarily producing additional bottles and encourage the reuse and recycle of the bottle already on hand that everybody owns. This helping to ensuring the regatta is run to the highest sustainable manner and eliminate unneeded additional products.

Water refilling stations were in both female and male changing room and in 6 other locations scattered throughout the boat park and hardstand, which provided large water carboys with pumps to refill personal water bottles, along with **water jugs available** at the bar for a top up. The carboys were also distributed to all Race Committee vessels and coach boats so sailors and volunteers could refill their bottles while on the go out on the racetrack.



2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

As part of the Club's commitment in 2016 to eliminating single use plastic – plastic straws have also been eliminated from the RHKYC. Straws are no issued by request only in paper form

3. Serve Food with reuseable dinnerware

This year a more conscious decision was made regarding food waste and preparation of the after-racing sailor snack. The daily hot snack was offered on regular service tableware plates, as used throughout the club. They were then washed and reused. Standard stainless-steel cutlery was used with the sailors also allocating their used tableware to appropriate buckets for easy handling and washing.



4. Use and Provide Reusable Bags

As part of the event pack and commemorative souvenir, all sailors were issued with a calico every day reusable bag. A practical souvenir to help distribute sailor race pack items including, safety sign on tags, and sunscreen. The bag also offers a great promotional advert for our regatta. The item can continue to be used long after the regatta has finished and is always a sought-after collectable.

The event also promotes the use of non- single use bags for Volunteer lunches. Extra bags left over from the previous event were put into use for the daily distribution of lunch packs for all our volunteers, along with water-tight buckets with a screw top lid that are used for every RIB to help keep the lunches dry. These will now used year on year.



Each bag and bucket are clearly labelled for each of the 41 race management boat teams to collect for their lunch packs. At the end of each day the bags and buckets are returned, rubbish distributed to the correct recycle bin and then set up for use again the next day.

*All sandwiches were wrapped in paper with no plastic wrap used.



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

Regatta Awards:

All our trophies and medals awarded are upcycled and produced by a socially responsible group who vocationally train and employ handicapped and disability workers, to assist with their production. Upcycled wooden wine crates are used to produce the regatta trophies and medals.



6. Publicity of HKRW sustainability efforts & certification

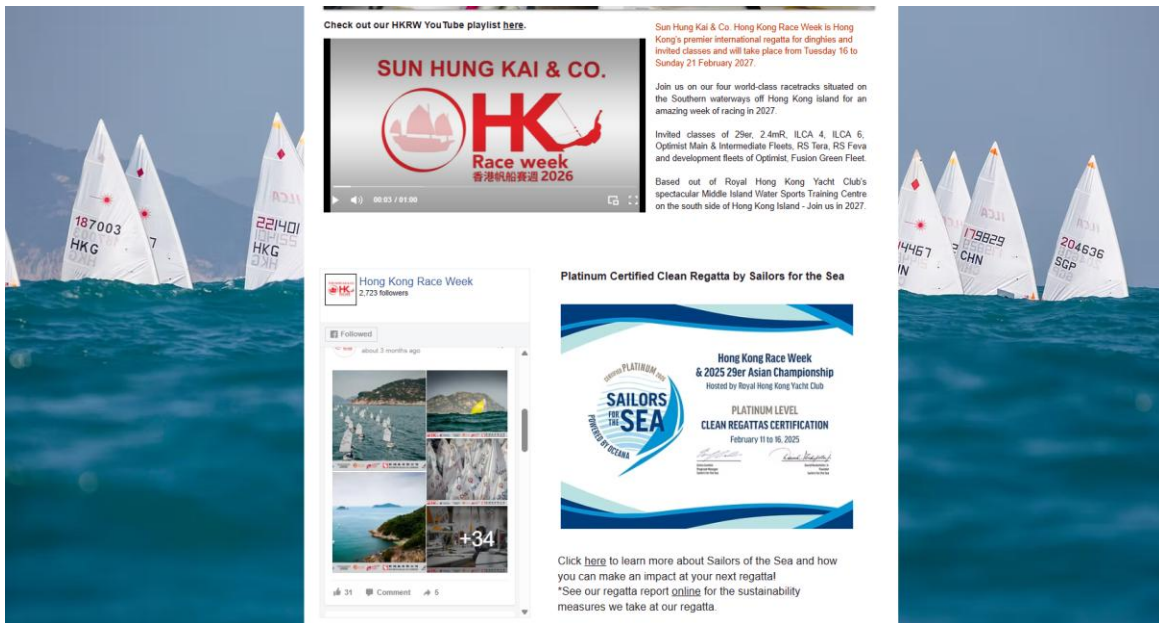
The participation in the Clean Regatta program started with the inclusion statement in the

Notice of Race:

“The event is designated a Clean Regatta by the Sailors for the Sea, a non-profit organisation that educates and empowers boaters to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Our goal is Platinum Level.”

Dedicated Website with specific content: Our Website home page includes our past certification as a Clean Regatta for Sailors of the Sea and includes the Sailor for the Sea logo in the footer. We also have a specific page that links through to our efforts as a dedicated Clean Regatta participant.

HKRW - website home page with Clean regatta accreditation listed



HKRW – dedicated sustainability page <https://www.hongkongraceweek.com/sustainability>



Targeted Newsletters and social features were implemented in promoting sustainability:



7. Host a marine environmental awareness workshop involving local organisations and general public.
Racing against plastic pollution: Marine Biodiversity with Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week

The Sun Hung Kai & Co. management, staff, friends and family members - including many children, all took time out to attend a session conducted by members: **Dr. Thea Bradford, Postdoctoral Fellow at the City University of Hong Kong's State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Health & youth member, Anais van Olphen.**

A dedicated session on marine biodiversity awareness was conducted for the event. The session included a presentation on research, restoration, education, and engagement on the marine environment needs and included the stringing of new marine habitats for marine wildlife via upcycling old oyster shells which were then strung from various points around the race venue to encourage regeneration.



Serving as both a company awareness to the environment day, it also embraced the company's desire to be more involved with social responsibility volunteering for the events that the company sponsors.

8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage

We recycled signage from the 2017/2018 Volvo Ocean Race Hong Kong Stopover – which has been on display at all our HKRW events and remains permanently outside our Sailing Office at RHKYC. We also use targeted signage to reinforce the message of our commitment to the non-supply of single use plastic bottles and straws, plastic pollution and ocean conservation.



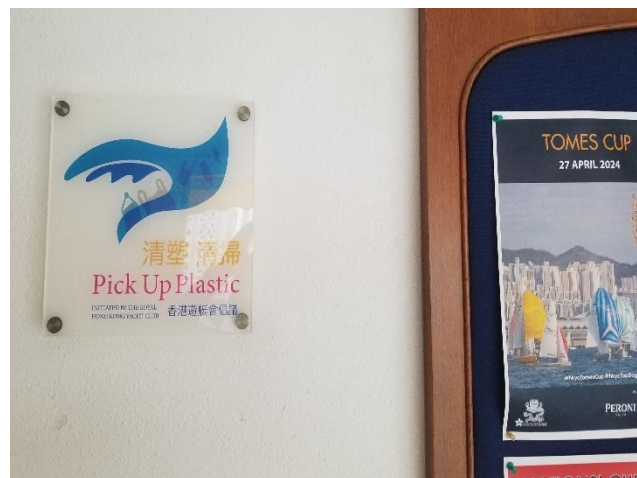
Drains around the clubhouse are also marked to highlight the importance of not dropping litter as it ends up in the sea.





Since 2016 RHKYC has banned single-use plastic bottles, bags, straws and cutlery, etc. and continues to minimise the use of single-use plastic.

為減少使用即棄塑膠用品，自2016年起，香港遊艇會已禁用即棄膠樽、膠袋、塑膠飲管及餐具等。



RHKYC Sustainability Working Group



9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

The event served up local inspired meals to both sailors and volunteers. Our volunteers enjoyed local favourites such as steamed pork buns and Hong Kong's famous Pineapple buns amongst the breakfast offered up to our volunteers every morning of the regatta.



**The Club also only serves food that is locally sourced and from sustainable sources. WWF has helped us to assess several seafood suppliers in Feb 2016 and we started to serve sustainable seafood in Oct 2016. Products from suppliers are certified by the Marine Stewardship Council with 100% traceable origin, 100% natural, 100% free of chemical, antibiotics and growth hormones, 100% safe.*



10. Organize a Green Team – Ambassadors

The organising Committee formed the Green Team for the event working in conjunction with the RHKYC members **Dr. Thea Bradford, Postdoctoral Fellow at the City University of Hong Kong's State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Health & Youth Member, Anais van Olphen.**

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This was a collaboration with our Title Sponsor enabling the involvement of family and friends to attend, ensuring public awareness and gaining maximum traction for both the Regatta and the RHKYC on the issues regarding Clean Regattas and the actions everyone can do to help make a difference.



Additionally, our event also nominates 2 x Youth Sailors to be Clean Regatta Ambassadors for the event, to reinforce the commitment of the RHKYC's Youth Sail Racing program "The SHARKS" with Hong Kong Race Week.

To help highlight efforts in Racing Against Plastic Pollution, the Ambassadors make a speech at the opening ceremony of the event, explaining to the sailors how the items handed out in competitors Race Pack help the environment. Anyone with questions, were encouraged to look for our **Sailors for the Sea Youth Ambassadors: Lyora Wallier & Ryley Man** for more information.

In their speech at the opening ceremony, conducted in both Chinese and English, both sailors spoke to highlight the Sailors for the Sea and Clean Regatta Program and handed out stainless steel straws after the opening speeches.

“At SHK HKRW we are racing against plastic pollution 參賽新鴻基香港帆船賽週之餘，我們同時在跟塑膠污染賽跑。Together with our SHK HKRW Green team, the RHKYC sustainability committee and Sailors for the sea - we are working for a Clean Regatta. A healthier ocean starts here with us all

我們聯同新鴻基香港帆船賽週綠色團隊、香港遊艇會持續發展委員會以及Sailors for the sea一起，致力打造一個潔淨帆船賽。健康的海洋由我們大家開始造起Please also remember to separate your rubbish and recycle as much as you can. 亦請記住將垃圾分類及盡可能回收。Remember: REUSE – RECYCLE – Replenish – Restore! 請記得 - 重複使用 - 回收利用 - 補充 - 還原!

Enjoy SHK HK Race week 2026 and good luck racing! 好好享受2026年度香港帆船賽週並祝大家好運!”

11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

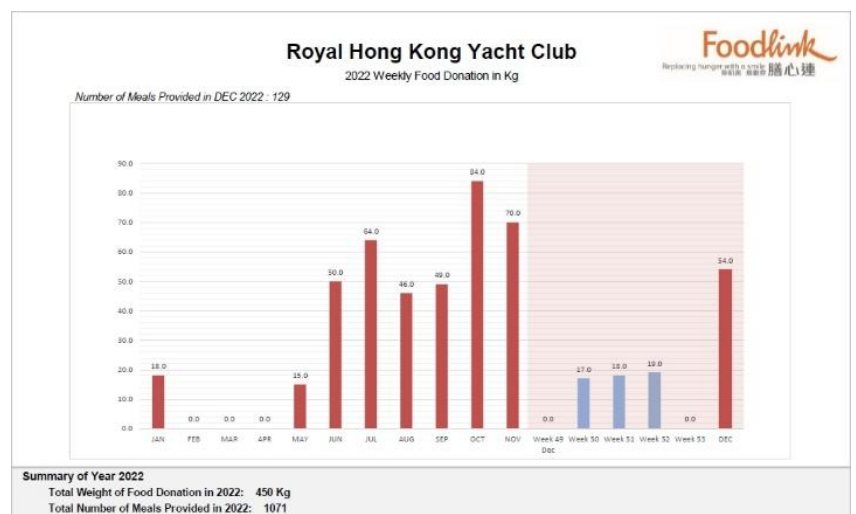
We have multiple, well placed and signed rubbish bins at the event venue, each also displaying easily identified markings to indicate the recycling choice – in both English and Chinese.



12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

Sailors were offered an after sailing snack each day after racing. Meals were offered individually hand served, with the option for portion control, enabling a smaller serve if required for younger sailors and therefore avoiding uneaten food and eliminating food waste. The RHKYC also incorporates the use of ORCA Machine.

We have had a food waste processing unit, the ORCA machine at the Club since 2019. The machine is now processing around 300 kg of food waste every month, and minimizes waste being discharged to landfill. The RHKYC also participates in the “Foodlink food recycle” programme. Foodlink collects safe-to-eat surplus food from us and deliver to those in need and this helps local community and reduces our city's landfill. Collected food is provided to people who live below the poverty line in Hong Kong.



13. Use Paperless Event Management

Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week utilizes various online portals to handle event management needs. The event has a dedicated website that embeds all the features for a full online entry registration, Online Notice Board and sign on and off the water safety system by incorporating the event management system *Clupspot*, along with the *RRoS* portal for full support for all the Sailors, Coaches Race Committee, Technical Committee and Jury communication required.

*Electronic Sign On / Off the water:



*Online Notice Board

THE EVENT | Live Tracking | VISITORS

(1) Official Notice Board
Hearing Request
Question
Equipment Substitution
Scoring Inquiry
Schedule

(18) Decisions
Questions

(9) Equipment Substitutions
(8) Scoring Inquiries
(5) OTW Penalties
RacingRulesOfSailing.org

Support Vessel Registration | Coach Registration

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Hong Kong Race Week 2026

Official Notice Board
Event Documents

Event	
Notice of Race	2025-10-16
Notice to Competitors #1	2025-12-17
Sailing Instructions	2026-01-23
Notice of Public Links	2026-01-26
Standard Penalties ILCA 4 & 6 Classes	2026-01-27
Standard Penalties Optimist Main & Intermediate	2026-01-27

Here you will find the online notice board and all the jury tools you need. Protest time limits will be listed here. Use the buttons on the left to submit protests, ask the jury questions, submit equipment substitution requests, view hearing schedules and see protest decisions and RRS 42 penalties.

If you protest a boat, or are protested, you should check the 'Schedule' page to find out when and where the hearing will take place.

ANY QUESTIONS? Just click 'Question for Jury' and we'll get back to you right away!
GET THE APP:

*Online Entry System

Entries +

274 / 276 checked in

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34 registrations have duplicate sail numbers. Click here to [view the duplicates](#).

SAILORS	BOAT NAME	SAIL NUMBER	CLUB/ORG	CLASS	DIVISION	WAITLIST	HANDICAP RATINGS	PAYMENT	CHECK-IN STATUS	E-SIGNATURES	REGISTERED
Amber Lin	None	HKG 31	HHYC	Optimist - Green Fleet	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$760.00		SIGNED	Jan 6 2026, 11:20 AM
Tsun Ming Chan	None	HKG HKG2	Sailability Hong Kong	2.4mR	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		INCOMPLETE	Jan 5 2026, 2:54 PM
Chi Lik, Eric Cheung	None	HKG HKG5	Sailability Hong Kong	2.4mR	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		INCOMPLETE	Jan 5 2026, 2:48 PM
Yuk Chun, Sylvia Leung	None	HKG HKG7	Sailability Hong Kong	2.4mR	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		INCOMPLETE	Jan 5 2026, 2:43 PM
Yuen Wai Foo	None	HKG HKG6	Sailability Hong Kong	2.4mR	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		INCOMPLETE	Jan 5 2026, 2:32 PM
Mao Yutung	None	HKG 16	HKFYG	Fusion - Green Fleet	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$760.00		SIGNED	Jan 4 2026, 6:20 PM
Yui jovan Lau	None	HKG 8	HKFYG	Fusion - Green Fleet	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$760.00		SIGNED	Jan 4 2026, 12:00 PM
Alyssa Wong	None	SGP 150	SAFYC	Optimist Main Fleet	None	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Jan 3 2026, 11:57 AM
XINGXUN WANG	None	CHN 1297	None	Optimist Main Fleet	12&Under	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Jan 2 2026, 10:11 PM
Gabi Oh	None	SGP 222743	SAFYC	ILCA 4	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$0.00		SIGNED	Jan 2 2026, 8:23 PM
Howan Luo	None	HKG 210425	RHKYC	ILCA 4	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Dec 30 2025, 8:42 PM
Wai Lok Torre Wong	None	HKG 4	Elite Sailing Academy	Fusion - Green Fleet	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$760.00		SIGNED	Dec 29 2025, 8:13 PM
Desiree Lee	Nil	SGP 226897	Royal varuna yacht club	ILCA 4	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Dec 26 2025, 5:48 PM
Charles Kong	TBD	SGP 227676	Changi Sailing Club	ILCA 4	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Dec 24 2025, 10:08 PM
SGP - 10 Nathaniel Kaïden Ng	SGP 10	SGP 3344	PA	Optimist Main Fleet	None	N/A	None	PAID HK\$0.00		SIGNED	Dec 22 2025, 4:42 PM
Zirui Fan	N/a	CHN 224401	Nansha Sailing Association	ILCA 4	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Dec 21 2025, 11:09 PM
Yuk Pin Lim	None	SGP 3880	SAF Yacht Club	Optimist Main Fleet	None	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Dec 21 2025, 5:50 AM
Yuk Jun Lim	None	SGP 225182	SAF Yacht Club	ILCA 4	N/A	N/A	None	PAID HK\$1,030.00		SIGNED	Dec 21 2025, 5:31 AM

14. Host a Beach Clean-up

In line with the event’s best practices of Clean Ocean environmental awareness our Green Team co-ordinated collaborated with our local title sponsor Sun Hung Kai & Co. to hold an Ocean Awareness and Clean Up session pre regatta.

15. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water



As a dinghy regatta there is a “Water Only Washdown” protocol for all boats at our event. We also advocate water conservation with an allocated adult volunteer monitoring and restricting the use of the hose for washing down returning boats from the racetrack. Speedy wash downs ensure the reduction of wasted water.

The RHKYC also actively promotes the prevention of toxins and rubbish going into the waterways with signage on drains that go into the waterway.

The RHKYC Kellet Island Boat yard employs measures of all hardstand boat yard contaminants going into a sump, which is then pumped into holding tanks where it is processed. The clean water goes into the main drainage system, while the contaminated solids are taken away by truck for toxic waste treatment and disposed.

16. Increased Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection:

With the assistance of Marine Biologist and RHKYC member Dr. Thea Bradford - as our advisor for HKRW Marine Wildlife updates, along with our past invited speakers such as *Lisa Blair* for Climate Action Now and *A Plastic Ocean*, the RHKYC is engaged in an ongoing partnership project of oyster rejuvenation. The Oyster SOS project engages diverse stakeholders (academics, government officials, oyster & fish farmers, educators, NGOs) and integrates ecological restoration, scientific research, STEM & conservation education, and public engagement to achieve this goal.

As a leader in water sports, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is well recognised for its commitment towards protecting the marine environment while educating and inspiring its members on marine conservation. At the core of what we do, a healthy marine environment is indispensable. Given the Club's position at Kellett Island, Middle Island, and Shelter Cove, RHKYC and Hong Kong Marine Ecology Association believe by synergizing our strengths, we can help create a healthy and thriving marine environment for organisms and people to enjoy.

The deployment of cages of live oysters and oyster shells in RHKYC's shores in Kellett Island, Middle Island, and Shelter Cove started as a 12 -to-18-month monitoring period and member engagement in a variety of educational activities relating to oysters continues. Members were initially introduced to the scheme with a 30-minute talk on oyster shell strings, then participated in one hour of drilling of the oyster shells and assembling them into on oyster strings. Members then help to participate in deploying the oyster shell strings off a Pontoon and then can volunteer to record the progress in scheduled check-ups of an ongoing basis.



17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

Vegetarian food was on offer for both sailors and volunteers at this event. Volunteers were asked upon confirmation of their commitment to join the event, for their preference of a lunch provided – asking for vegan - vegetarian or any other food intolerances, likewise at the breakfast offer each morning.

Vegetarian meals were also available for sailors, with catering also available for full vegans.

18. Promote Alternative Transportation

More sustainable ways of getting to HKRW are always promoted on the event website.

Local public transport is highlighted as the best means of getting to the race venue. With Hong Kong's very efficient public transport system, this option makes it extremely easy for competitors to easily access the race venue, particularly for our international sailors and international jury who were able to use the frequent and efficient service from their nearby regatta partner hotel, reducing the need to rely on multiple additional cars and taxis to transfer people for short trips.

A bus stop is conveniently located at the top of the stairs leading to the small dock area which services the Race Venue Island. The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club proudly boasts the use of Sampans (ferries) run by solar powered electric motors, used to transfer people across to the island race venue.

GUIDE - [CLICK HERE](#)

HOW TO GET TO MIDDLE ISLAND:

[Directions to Middle Island](#) with photos on this link public bus.

Then walk via Seaview Promenade from Deepwater or Repulse Bay (or steps near bus stops) to ferry.
Repulse Bay (or steps near bus stops) to ferry.

Bus stops as shown:-

1) Stop 1:- Citybus route 6 from Central (daily)· Citybus route 61 from Central (Sundays & Public Holidays in Summer)· First Bus route 63 from North Point (Mondays-Saturdays)· First Bus route 66 from Central (daily)

2) Stop 2: Return routes for buses listed in point 1)

3) Stop 3:- Citybus route 6A (Mondays-Saturdays)· Citybus route 6X from Central (daily)· Citybus route 73 from Cyberport (daily)· Citybus route 260 from Central (daily)· Citybus route 973 from Tsimshatsui East (daily)· First Bus route 65 from North Point (Sundays & Public Holidays)· First Bus route 315 from the Peak (Sundays & Public Holidays)· Green Mini Bus route 40 from Causeway Bay to Stanley (daily)· Green Mini Bus route 52 from Aberdeen to Stanley (daily)

4) Stop 4: Return routes for buses listed in above point 3)



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19. Reduce Day-of Emissions

The RHKYC launched an initiative for Solar powered EV sampans (ferries) in 2022, with more vessels now on order. The vessels offer solar powered electric engines to take the short journey across to Middle Island - the race venue of HKRW.

The solar powered sampan saves around 30 litres of petrol per day of operation, and yearly it will reduce greenhouse emissions equivalent to 28.6 tons of CO₂.



The Club proudly owns 3 of these vessels servicing our 3 Club venues.
2 x boats were used for HKRW.



20. Eco-Smart Race Management equipment

The RHKYC are currently testing robotic marks which will further increase protection of the seabed from anchors that are currently otherwise in use to lay marks. This year 2 x Robotic marks were used over the 4 racecourses.

These remotely controlled marks are operated via an electronic tablet and can be dropped into the water by a committee vessel. They are then guided accurately into position with the aid of their own propulsion and held in place by the locking in a GPS coordinate.

*The use of Bow Stickers has been eliminated since 2016



Additional Enhanced Recycling Upcycle old banners:

Our volunteers again this year assisted in upcycling old vinyl banners - cutting hundreds of squares out, which were distributed to sailors to write their country prefix and sail number on and attached to their beach trolley.

As our regatta operates without bow numbers, this process helps our volunteer launch and retrieval beach team to easily identify the beach trolleys. This assists with being able to organise the trolley systematically to enable quick location after having been stack in numerical order to the waiting sailors, as they arrive back to the boat ramp after racing each day.



Enhanced environmental awareness watch:

The Ocean starts here: the truth about what goes down the drain and ends up in our waterways needs to be highlighted to everyone.



By using targeted prints on the drains around the club, we aim to raise further awareness to the issue of rubbish being washed down drains and then into our waterways.

