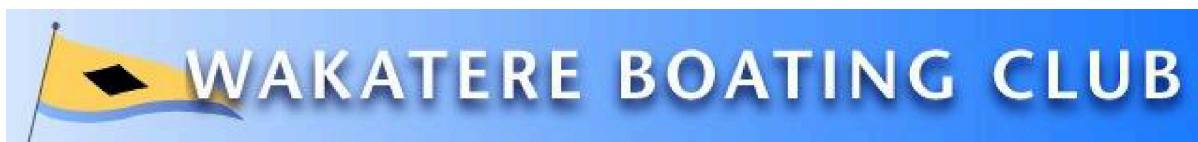


2026 NZ RSFEVA NATIONALS

25-27 APRIL 2026 WAKATERE BC
Narrow Neck Beach Devonport Auckland



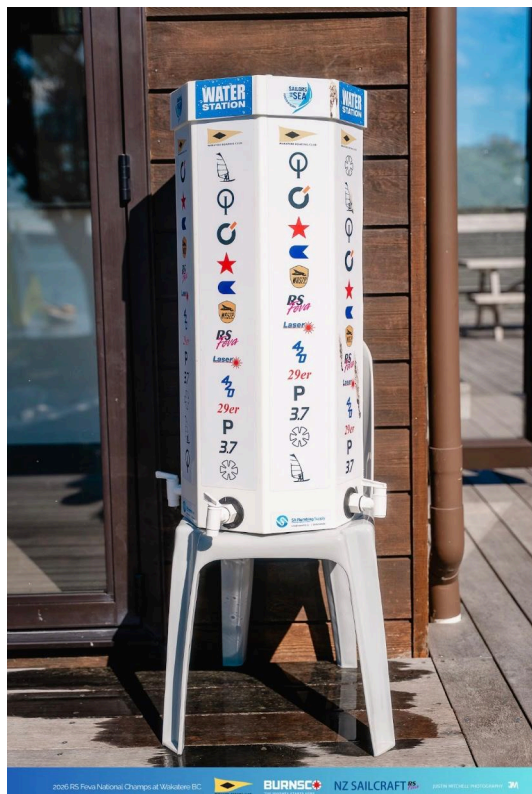
Aiming for Platinum

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

Front and centre on the club deck, sits our Wakatere Water Station.

To further promote & encourage the use of single use water bottles, our pre-race 'Letter To Competitors' reminds them to bring their own bottles to refill at our waterstations.

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2. Eliminate Plastic Straws

As standard practice, we do not stock plastic straws but have paper straws on hand if specifically requested.

3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

All our competitor's food was served in simple napkins or paper bags for this event. We reminded our guests to choose compost over landfill, so we could reduce our landfill emissions and provide organic material for our waste service providers to create compost for gardens in the future.



4. Skip Bags or Go Reusable

We did not have any competitor bags for this event and the volunteer lunches were packaged in our Reusable Doyle lunch bags which we use for all events. Volunteers then return the bags at the end of each day to be washed and reused for the following day.



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

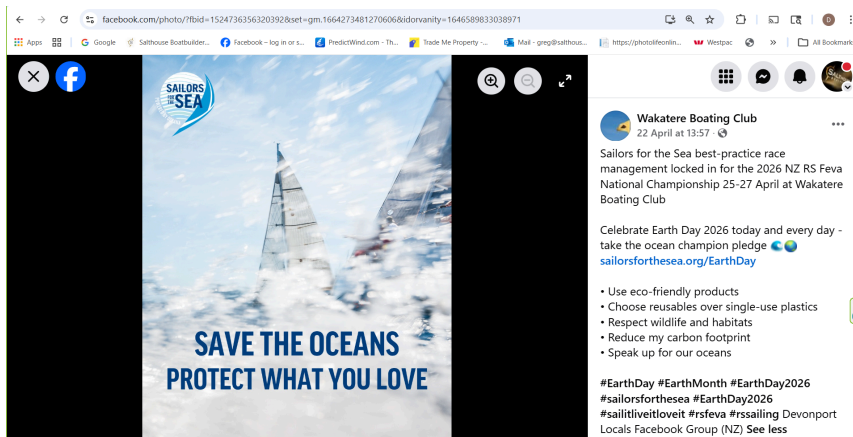
For this regatta we provided a range of perpetual and usable items for prizes and sourced wooden enviro friendly medals from a local supplier who attached some old lanyards we had sitting in a storage cupboard. We were happy to find a use for these lanyards rather than throw them away.



6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts

Our wonderful communications team created an endless stream of social media posts before and during the regatta, making sure to tag and connect to as many organizations as possible to spread the Clean Regatta word. Heres a sample few...

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18t2bmfDLU/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



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Wakatere Boating Club's post

**Wakatere Boating Club**
17 April at 16:10 · 🌐 · ⚙️

Many thanks from Wakatere Boating Club to the [Sailors for the Sea](#) for their guidance and commitment to cleaner, greener regattas. To celebrate Earth Day 2026 on 22nd April, take the ocean champion pledge 🌊🌍

Best-practice race management locked in for the [2026 NZ RS Feva National Championship](#) 25-27 April

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**Wakatere Boating Club**
26 April at 15:39 · 🌐 · ⚙️

While we waited for the breeze to come in today, this scene 📸 taken just 2nm from our club this morning, reminds us why it's so important to look after our beautiful backyard 🌊 - by running the [2026 NZ RS Feva National Championship](#) as a [Sailors for the Sea](#) CLEAN REGATTA 🌍

[#sailorsforthesea](#)
[#beachcleanup](#)
[#narrowneckbeach](#)
[#earthmonth](#)

**Alex K Lee** ▸ [Whale and Dolphin Watch New Zealand - Cetacean Spotting NZ](#)
Alex K Lee · 26 April at 13:11 · 🌐

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Wakatere Boating Club's post

**Wakatere Boating Club**
26 April at 13:05 · 🌐 · ⚙️

Postponement on the water means more time to tidy up our backyard. Today our regatta crew had a beach clean and focused on microplastics - and what a haul!

We talked about the importance of looking for the tiniest pieces - the ones hiding in the high tide line that end up in the guts of fish and birds. Every piece removed makes a difference 🌊🌍🐟🐦🗑️

Huge thanks to everyone who jumped in, and perfect timing to connect with a local community kayaking group already on the beach. Appreciate MERC for helping us spread the word today 🙌

[2026 NZ RS Feva National Championship](#) is a [Sailors for the Sea](#) CLEAN REGATTA

Find out more 🙌 <https://sailorsforthesea.org/>

7. Involve Local Organizations

For our beach clean day, we connected with a local kayak community group [Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre](#). We were thrilled with their enthusiasm to work with their afternoon groups to collect rubbish and share the important environmental message of looking after our back yard.



8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage

Pride of place on our second noticeboard, sits our Clean Club sign reminding people of the 4xR's - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.



9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

All our food was sourced from our local New World supermarket and our neighbouring Narrow Neck Beach Cafe. The cafe supported us by serving their hot 'Mr Chips' chips to sailors on day 2 as they came off the water. These are a NZ potato product and were served in compostable paper bags. We enjoy the relationship we have with the Narrow Neck Cafe as they share the same environmental goals as Wakatere and serve all their take-away food in compostable packing.

For our volunteer lunches - we chose fresh baked muffins delivered in paper bags, freshly made sandwiches packaged in compostable sandwich boxes and NZ apples. NZ Hellers Sausages were cooked onsite & served, wrapped in local breads for our sailors and volunteers as they came off the water on the first and last day of racing. We chose Hellers not only because they are locally made but also because we want to support their efforts to improve their packaging to be more sustainable.

<https://hellers.co.nz/sustainability/>

INFORMATION	
Product Highlights	Mr Chips Golden Homestyle Skin On
Net Contents	12 kg
Country of Origin	New Zealand
Country of Origin Statement	Made in New Zealand
Product Website	www.mrchips.co.nz

10. Organize a Green Team

We like to think of all our members and competitors as part of our Green Team - we all play a part in spreading the word to protect our environment.

11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage

Two of our bin placement sites are positioned front and centre on the deck and in the bar. Each bin is labelled with either Compost, Recycling or Landfill and we often mention the importance of taking a minute to read the signs to decide which bin is correct for your waste.



12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill

Our three streams of waste bins were located in 3 different locations around the club. At the briefing we reminded all our guests to take a second to decide which bin is best for their waste. Landfill, Compost or Recycling. We make sure to encourage guests to use the compost bins for food packaging - all of which is compostable either from us at Wakatere or our local Narrow Neck Cafe. Better Together !

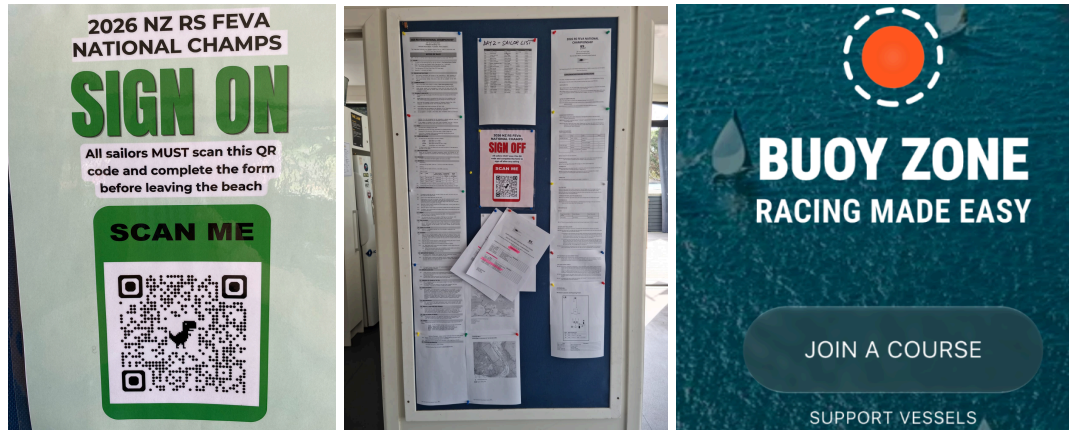


13. Use Paperless Event Management

All our race documents are provided online on our regatta event page as well as on the competitor WhatsApp group. This removes the need for mass printing as we also have a single printed copy pinned to the noticeboard.

We also have a QR code for sign on and off as well as an online protest form.

For on-water opps, we use the BouyZone app for race management on the course.



14. Host a Beach or Marina Clean-up

As we waited for wind on day 2, we used this time for a beach clean. We started with a briefing to discuss the importance of "looking after our back yard", & collecting smaller pieces of plastic & how they can be ingested by bird & sealife. We asked everyone to join in, making sure to include adults, race officials and event organisers to collect rubbish in paper bags & disposed of our findings in Landfill.

It was also perfect timing to connect with a local environmental group, MERC, with their kayaking group already on the beach.



15. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water

Sometimes we need to give our support boats a maintenance wash to keep the salt wear and tear to a minimum. This is always done on a Tuesday after an event and done by our caretaker who follows club procedures. For this, we use EcoStore Boatwash which is biodegradable and does not contain harmful toxins. We also ensure any engine flushing during the event is done using our water barrels which are emptied onto the grass areas rather than flushing directly down the drains to the ocean.

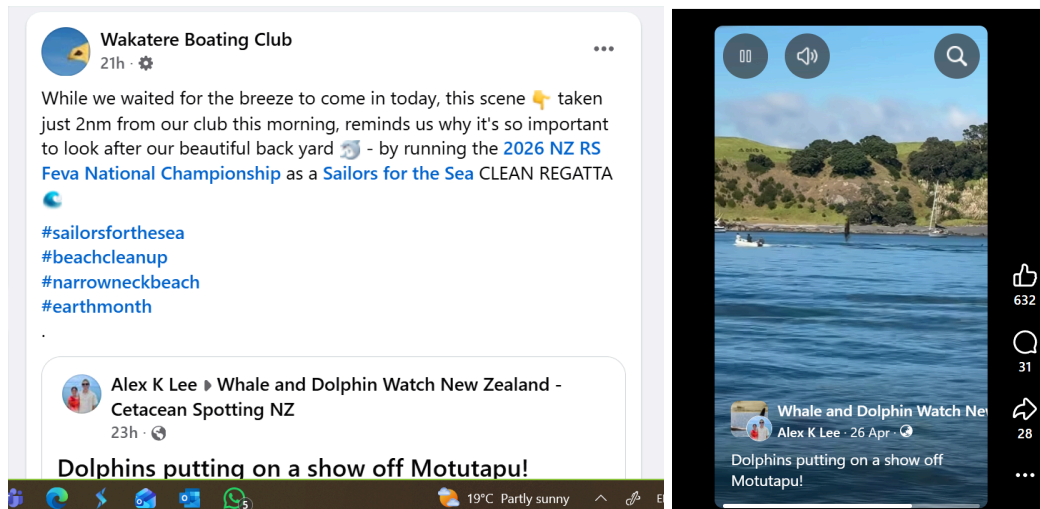
At Wakatere we do not allow guests ribs to use our washdown or refueling facilities - this helps keep our water consumption to a minimum but also gives us better management of unwanted chemicals entering our drains. To further support this, we have a well stocked emergency spill kit with booms, soak pads, shavings etc in our fuel locker.



16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection

As part of our Beach Clean, our Vice Commodore talked about the importance of protecting the marine life and preserving the environment for sea creatures to thrive. By sharing this information with all those present, (over 100 people) the messaging was certainly felt around the club this weekend.

We also had the perfect opportunity to connect this messaging with a real-time video of dolphins only 2 nautical miles from the club and posted this facebook message to connect the important dots.



17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

Our only food service for this regatta was hot 'off-the-water' snacks for sailors and volunteers - sausages on two of the days and hot chips another day. We always have vegetarian snacks available at our bar as an alternative.

18. Promote Alternative Transportation

Our Letter to Competitors had a link to our website Regatta page with information encouraging the use of public transport and our Clean Regatta goals.

<https://www.wakatere.org.nz/2026-nz-rs-feva-national-champs/>

19. Reduce Day-of Emissions

An important aspect to reducing 'Day-of-Emissions' is limiting the number of ribs on the water. We made sure to provide a single support rib for sailors that contained all lunches and drink for the club sailors rather than multiple boats supporting individual sailors. This rib also carried the photographer, further reducing the number of engines on the water.



20. Inspire Future Action

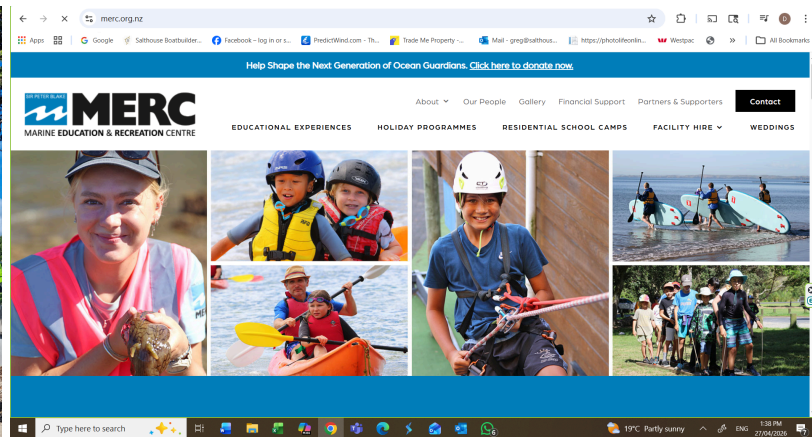
With the help of MERC, we've inspired ourselves!!

During the weekend of the Feva Nationals we were based alongside each other on the waterfront at Narrow Neck Beach. We invited MERC to take part in our Clean Regatta beach clean, supplied paper collection bags, and shared our focus on tackling microplastics in the high tide zone. MERC then continued the effort throughout the afternoon with each arriving group of kayakers contributing to the beach clean.

MERC is an environmental organisation based at Long Bay Beach, just up the coast from Wakatere. Since 1990, MERC has been New Zealand's leading charity for providing life-changing marine environmental education and outdoor experiences to young New Zealanders. They are dedicated to empowering young people, educators, and our local community to explore, understand, and connect with the

marine environment through hands on waterbased activities. The MERC patron is Sir Peter Blake, who was a sailing icon and passionate environmentalist and someone all sailors can relate to. Through the connections made during this regatta, we are looking forward to developing future projects alongside MERC, combining our shared environmental focus through our love of sailing and water activities.

<https://merc.org.nz/>





Thank you Sailors For the Sea, once again, its been a pleasure for Wakatore Boating Club to use the Clean Regatta program to help us run a sustainable event, leaving nothing but our footprints behind.

