I promoted the Clean Regatta with this email promotion to the entire Thistle Class:

**"Hi there Thistle-nuts! I hope to see you at Hoover (Columbus, OH) this Saturday.**

**It has been 14 years since the first Clean Regatta in Thistles, the Great Lakes Championship at Chautauqua Lake. Once again, let us be *Clean* & *GREEN*. It is not that hard. The Thistle Class is the poster-child of the Clean Class Initiative* of Sailors for the Sea.**
**Things we can easily do for the <u>Hoover Last Splash</u>:**

- **Elimination of Single-Use Items**

- - 1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations
- - 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws
- - 3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware

- **Community Involvement**

- - 4. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts – talk it up
- - 5. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

- **Responsible Waste Management**

- - 6. Organize a Green Team – it's everyone!
- - 7. Waste Bin Placement and Signage
- - 8. Use Paperless Event Management

- **Environmental Stewardship**

- - 9. Prevent Toxins and trash from Entering the Water – we're very good at this
- - 10. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection – pay attention, think, share
- - 11. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

- **Climate Awareness**

- - 12. Reduce Day-of Emissions: maximize your vehicle's fuel efficiency (leave early, hold it down to the speed limit, and save money!) turn off car and boat motors rather than idle unnecessarily
- - 13. Inspire Future Action – do this every day, every regatta, please.

It's important for the planet and our grandchildren. We can do it.

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** The purpose of the Thistle Clean Class Initiative is to recognize and take responsibility for our impact on the environment. We will provide resources, share successes, educate, and demonstrate effective solutions to achieve this goal for our Thistle community, fleets, and event organizers.*

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We did:

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2. Eliminate Plastic Straws
~~*3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware*~~
9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably
10. Organize a Green Team
11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage
13. Use Paperless Event Management - *almost; one page sailing instructions were printed*
15. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water
16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection
17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives
19. Reduce Day-of Emissions
20. Inspire Future Action