

Yachting New Zealand Clean Club Best Practice



1 Star Clean Club Example

We have put together an example below of what a 1-star Clean Club report may look like when submitted to Yachting New Zealand for certification.

In this example, the Wakatere Boating Club used the word document on the resources page of the website <https://www.cleanclub-yachtingnz.org.nz/resources> as the basis for their report and included details, photos and a brief summary of how they achieved each of their chosen best practices for the 1-star certification.

Clubs can add their own header, logos, dates and any diagrams and charts to outline their own achievements. Clubs can choose which best practices to include in their report, so long as they meet the minimum number required for each star level.

As each club is unique, we look forward to seeing the variety of approaches that go into solving the environmental effects of club activity.

1 Star Clean Club Example Report



Administration and Leadership

1 star – select 2

2 star – select 3

3 star – select all 5

1. **Have a dedicated environmental and sustainability representative on your committee**

Wakatere created a position on the general committee for a dedicated sustainability representative in 2018. Since then, the club's environmental focus and responsibility has been considered in all club decisions and activities. Our current sustainability representative is Delayne Salthouse.

2. **Create an environmental policy for your club**

Wakatere has an environmental policy on our website which has a dedicated sustainability page.

Our policy is at the core of all our decision making at the club and has become a strong part of our governing culture. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-FQeYOCfBuwXSx00jJ2aTDeGDWJ9JY8Y/view>

3. Use paperless methods for club communications

4. Run national or regional regattas as Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas

5. Establish an annual environmental award for a club member who best supports your sustainability and environmental practices

Waste Management

1 star – select 3

2 star – select 5

3 star – select 7+

1. **Conduct a waste audit**

Wakatere completed our first waste audit in 2018 and then introduced our three-stream waste management system. We noticed a significant drop in landfill volume which was particularly evident during a three-day measuring period at the 2019 OK World Championships where we removed 1800ltrs of recycling, 750ltrs of compost and only 350ltrs of landfill. This was a vast and very satisfying change from previous waste patterns at our club where all 2900ltrs would have gone to landfill.

We continue to monitor and audit our waste at Wakatere, both with our providers on a per-bin collection basis but also in-house where we monitor the fullness and content of our bins to ensure we don't have contamination across waste streams and that we have the correct capacity to capture our volumes as they change with the club use throughout the season.

2. Explore composting options

3. **Create three streams of waste - recycling, compost, landfill**

At Wakatere, we have multiple sets of bins, each set collecting recycling, compost and landfill.

- We have one 75ltr bin set up inside the clubhouse which is used for the kitchen, race office and hall.
- We have another 220ltr bin set up outside which services the club courtyard and can be moved around to busy spots during regattas and race day if required.
- Lastly, we have our 660ltr collection bins which the inside and courtyard bins are transferred into, ready for our Green Gorilla weekly service but which also provide emergency capacity should we need this for large events and functions.

At Wakatere we charge a 'rubbish fee' included in our hall hire which helps subsidise the cost of running our waste system.



4. **Create signage to inform and educate members on correct waste stream choices**

Each of the inside bins has signage specific to the types of waste we have at the club, while the outside bins have more generic signs and are colour coded to help our members and guests make informed decisions about which bins to use.

At larger events, we have often created signage that relates directly to the type of waste members and guests will use during the event. We found this helped encourage the correct choice of rubbish bin use and prevents having to sort bins at the end of each club day.



- 5. Work with suppliers to reduce packaging for deliveries
- 6. Provide permanent water refill stations
- 7. Reduce single-use food service ware
- 8. Install rubbish gathering systems or devices in your marina or waterway

Resource Conservation

1 star – select 3

2 star – select 5

3 star – select 7+

- 1. Conduct a water usage audit
- 2. **Look for ways to reduce your club's water consumption**

In 2021 and into 2022 Wakatere has undergone some major construction work to replace the decking at the front of the club and create new decking at one end of the club. The general committee decided prior to this project getting underway to take the opportunity to install water catchment tanks under the decking. These tanks will collect rainwater off the club roof that can be used for washdown purposes and reduce our club's water consumption.

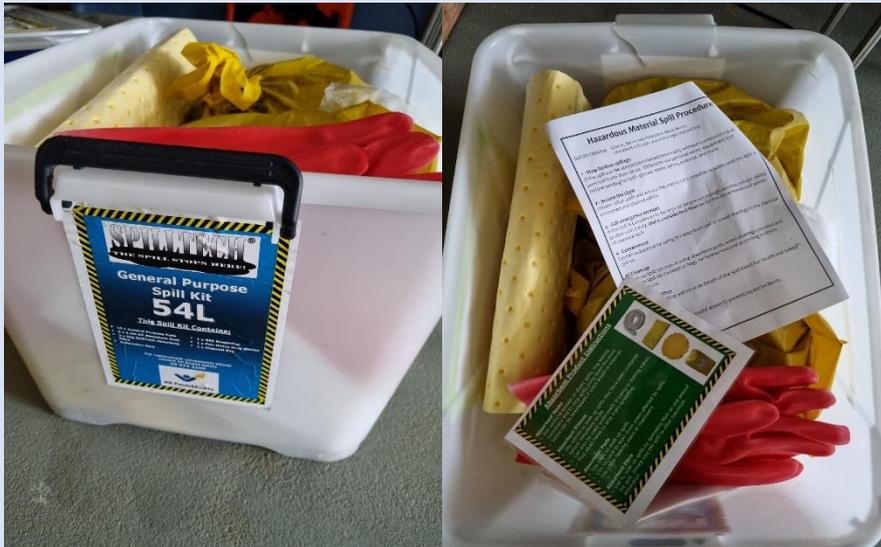
As well as our new water tanks, Wakatere have limits around washdown time and we also use pressure guns to restrict the flow and timing of water used from the hoses for boat washdown.



- 3. **Have an oil pollution prevention plan**

Wakatere has a dedicated spill kit that is stationed in the fuel locker/ dangerous goods store.

This kit holds a raft of containment and safety equipment that is ready to be used should a spill incident occur inside the club grounds.



4. **Encourage the use of reef-safe sunblock**

Wakatere have worked with the manufacturers of Goodbye Ouch products over the past two years to establish a supply of reef-safe products for our club members and guests at the club.

For the 2022/23 season, we will look to encourage our members to make use of the Goodbye Ouch promotion offered to Yachting New Zealand members where personally-labelled pots of sunblock are supplied at a reduced price. <https://goodbye.co.nz/>



- 5. Eliminate harmful cleaning products in and around club facilities
- 6. Create best practice guidelines for your members to follow around small-scale boat repairs and maintenance
- 7. Install visual icons for club drains
- 8. Consider where your energy is used

Community Outreach

1 star – select 2

2 star – select 3

3 star – select all 5

- 1. Mentor a club or organisation to get started on their Clean Club programme

2. **Repurpose old sailing equipment and clothing**

Wakatere have had huge success in using our recycled sails as lunch bags for our club events.

These bags were kindly made for us by Doyle Sails and have been used many times over and continue to serve us well as we can wash and re-use them after each event, instead of having to use plastic lunch boxes or throw-away bags. We find it helps to offer a bar tab to each volunteer to encourage the return of lunch bags at the end of each day.

We've also enjoyed running an old sail collection during our recent Sunburst nationals and donated these to AQ bags who use them for producing upcycled bags. <https://www.aqbags.co.nz/shop/recycled-sailbags>



3. Develop a priority community initiative your club can drive or support

4. **Make beach clean-ups a regular part of club day activities**

Wakatere members are used to beach cleans being part of our Clean Regatta activities.

Starting in our 2022/23 season, beach cleans will also become a standard part of Sunday club racing activities. Depending on weather situations on the day, we will encourage all club members to collect rubbish prior to briefing or after sailing.

Our intention is for this to become a habitual and social part of club day sailing, with our committee members, flag officers and senior members seen to be just as involved as the LTS juniors and youth sailors.



5. Invite guest speakers to talk about environmental topics at your club events

Education

1 star – select 3

2 star – select 5

3 star – select 7+

1. Include an environmental aspect into your junior sailing coaching programme

2. **Encourage green boating practices**

As Wakatere is a dingy sailing club, we do not have the issues of dealing with large powerboats, effluent tanks, oily bilges etc, but we do take care of how we treat the outboards used at our club.

Our standard practice for flushing engines is to use a large barrel rather than flushing any oily water directly down the drain. The barrel is then tipped onto a grass area where it can disperse away from our waterways.



- 3. Standardise rules around boat washdowns
- 4. Bring awareness to local habitat and wildlife
- 5. Support education around marine biosecurity
- 6. Provide education and reminders about predator-free initiatives

7. **Encourage responsible dog ownership when out boating**

Wakatere recognises that education comes in many forms. An exciting way to support education around marine biosecurity, predator-free initiatives and dog control on protected islands has been for us to partner with Auckland Council and host their **educational trailer** over some of the busiest periods this year.

Importantly, we made sure to publicise the trailer through our Facebook page, but we also timed this over of the busy Waitangi weekend to maximise the volume of foot traffic passing by.

<https://www.facebook.com/page/101699930148/search/?q=marine%20pests>



8. **Be an advocate for responsible fishing attitudes**

While fishing from Wakatere is not part of our normal club life, we are still proactive advocates for responsible fishing attitudes. In opening our doors for the recent 'Revitalising the Hauraki Gulf' public discussion, we were encouraged to see a large community turn out for this evening.

A range of guest speakers gave scientific and industry talks on a wide range of topics related to the revitalisation of the Hauraki Gulf - Sanfords, Auckland Council, Auckland University, LegaSea, Hauraki Gulf Forum, Te Puni Kokiri.

