

Suggestions for 1 Star Clean Club



Yachting New Zealand Clean Club Best Practice

To help clubs get underway with the Clean Club programme we have suggested a 1-star best practice list which is an excellent starting point to get clubs on a successful path to having an impact on their local environment.

Administration and Leadership

1 star – 2 2 star – 3 3 star – all

- Have a dedicated environmental and sustainability representative on your committee
- Create an environmental policy for your club
- Use paperless methods for club communications
- Run national or regional regattas as Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas
- Establish an annual environmental award for a club member who best supports your sustainability and environmental practices

Waste Management

1 star – 3 2 star – 4 3 star – 7+

- Conduct a waste audit
- Explore composting options
- Create three streams of waste - recycling, compost, landfill
- Create signage to inform and educate members on correct waste stream choices
- Work with suppliers to reduce packaging for deliveries
- Provide permanent water refill stations
- Reduce single-use food service ware
- Install rubbish gathering systems or devices in your marina or waterway

Resource Conservation

1 star – 3 2 star – 5 3 star – 6+

- Conduct a water usage audit
- Look for ways to reduce your club's water consumption
- Have an oil pollution prevention plan
- Encourage the use of reef-safe sunblock
- Eliminate harmful cleaning products in and around club facilities
- Create best practice guidelines for your members to follow around small-scale boat repairs and maintenance
- Install visual icons for club drains
- Consider where your energy is used

Community Outreach

1 star – 2 2 star – 3 3 star – 4+

- Mentor a club or organisation to get started on their Clean Club programme
- Repurpose old sailing equipment and clothing
- Develop a priority community initiative your club can drive or support
- Make beach clean-ups a regular part of club day activities
- Invite guest speakers to talk about environmental topics at your club events

Education

1 star – 3 2 star – 5 3 star – 7+

- Include an environmental aspect into your junior sailing coaching programme
- Encourage green boating practices
- Standardise rules around boat washdowns
- Bring awareness to local habitat and wildlife
- Support education around marine biosecurity
- Provide education and reminders about predator-free initiatives
- Encourage responsible dog ownership when out boating
- Be an advocate for responsible fishing attitudes

Please note – this is a suggestion and if other best practices look more suitable to your club, you have the flexibility to choose any others, as long as you meet the minimum number of best practices for a 1 star Clean Club.