



Warsash Sailing Club

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Introduction

WSC understands that a healthy marine environment will benefit everyone. By acting responsibly and proactively caring for our club premises, the sustainability of our club operations, our local waters and shoreline, we can help reduce the impact we have on the local environment.

2. Objectives

- We will meet the environmental legislation that relates to the operation of the clubhouse, pounds, jetty and pontoons and where possible, identify opportunities to adopt best practice over and above the minimum legislative requirements
- We will ensure that club safety boats are fuelled safely and responsibly to avoid spillages and pollution
- We will minimise the use of electricity for our activities. For example; by using LED lighting and PIR activated lighting where possible and by encouraging energy saving behaviours
- We will minimise the use of water for our activities. For example; by using push valves in showers and turning off taps when not in use. We will help to reduce consumption by unnecessary waste, particularly when cleaning boats
- We will minimise the creation of waste. For example; we will only print and photocopy if absolutely essential and then print double sided when possible. We will use email and social media rather than printed material to communicate and promote our events and activities. We will minimise waste in all off-water activities by the removal of single use, non-sustainable catering containers and packaging, straws, decorations etc.
- We will recycle as much waste as possible by providing adequate, clearly labelled bins and increasing our waste and re-cycling bins during busy events. We will manage waste generated as best we can, with a re-use, re-cycle approach prior to responsible disposal
- We will encourage members to scrub down their boats and apply antifouling in a designated area, collect scrapings and be responsible for the disposal of their hazardous waste
- We will endeavour to take a sustainable approach to running events and actively engage with the Harbour Master to conserve and care for our river. We will promote sustainability in all our events and regattas by following the RYA's 'Green Event Guidelines'
- We will publicise our environmental commitment and promote sustainability amongst our members and visitors on our website, social media and club notice boards. We will encourage visitors to our club to undertake sustainable behaviour
- We will take the environmental credentials of our suppliers into account when procuring new products. By doing so we wish to encourage other organisations to integrate sustainability into their operations.
- We will educate our younger members how to implement our policy, through various activities, events and example. WSC recognises it has a duty to prepare its future members with the knowledge and skills to look after our marine environment and aim to develop good habits and behaviour patterns amongst all members

3. **Change History**

This policy will be reviewed annually to confirm that it remains current with applicable Regulations.

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