

## Environmental Policy – KINSALE YACHT CLUB

*Kinsale Yacht Club is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment. This Policy Statement sets out how we will work towards achieving our environmental objectives. We will measure our progress and review this policy on an annual basis.*

### Smart use of Resources

- ❖ We will minimise the use of electricity in our clubhouse by using PIR switches on the majority of our lights and by using energy-efficient models (e.g. LEDs are widely used).
- ❖ On the marina, we have meters fitted at all berth-holder electricity use points so as to encourage conservation of energy. Marina lights will be changed to LEDs on a progressive basis.
- ❖ We will minimise the use of water in all of our activities by turning off taps when not in use, and by the fitting of small bore hoses at the marina.
- ❖ We commit to the re-use of rain water to service utilities in the club.
- ❖ We commit to ensuring that fuel usage on the water is effectively managed to limit consumption (e.g. effective control of RIB use).

### Waste Minimisation and Recycling

- ❖ We will minimise the creation of waste in administration, e.g. we will only print and photocopy if absolutely essential and print double-sided if possible.
- ❖ Where possible, we will use email and text/Apps and our web site rather than printed materials to communicate and promote our activities.
- ❖ We will recycle as much waste as possible by providing adequate clearly labelled bins and increasing our waste and recycling bins and/or collections during busy events.
- ❖ We will provide suitable containers for the disposal of hazardous waste
- ❖ We will implement best practice to avoid fuel spillage and environmental contamination during refuelling operations.

### Plastic - Free

- ❖ Where possible we will not use vinyl bow stickers to promote sponsors or to identify boats during regattas. When required due to class rules or specific regatta requirements, biodegradable or re-usable options will be preferred.
- ❖ In the bar, we commit to not use disposable cups or single use plastics (e.g. straws) under normal circumstances.
- ❖ We will provide filtered drinking water to all club members and users and will encourage the use of re-usable drinking bottles for regattas and club-run events.

### Promoting Environmental Awareness

- ❖ We will publicise our environmental commitment and promote sustainability amongst our members and visitors on our website and club notice boards.
- ❖ We will host environmental and sustainability awareness events in the club when possible.
- ❖ We will endeavour to take a sustainable approach to running events.

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