Cleaner Sailing Sub-Committee Report

The Cleaner Sailing Sub-Committee meetings were limited in the six months to December.

However, the Club remains committed to ensuring our operations are consistent with sustainable environmental practices.

Firstly, the Club will continue to work with industry bodies such as the Marina Industries Association, Sailors for the Sea and Australian Sailing to implement recommended actions.

Secondly, apart from working with the industry bodies, the Cleaner Sailing Sub-Committee has two other areas of focus:

- 1. Assessment of the Club's Environmental impact
 - Undertake an assessment of the current situation and available information of three key areas of the Club i.e. energy use, water use and management and recycling of waste including metals, batteries and food waste. The reduction in food waste is also consistent with Club's hospitality transformation and results can already be seen in a small improvement in the cost of goods sold.
 - Management of waste coming off yachts and other boats in the marina to minimise the use of single use plastics and maximising recycling.
- 2. Ideas that can be implemented relatively easy at the grass roots level:
 - Ask all people using the beach OTB sailors, tackers and Icebergers to, if safe to do so, pick up one piece of rubbish off the beach as they return to the Club.
 - Continue support of local Beach Cleaning Group
 - More bins to be placed in rigging areas in the Club –this was also mentioned in the feedback from Sail Melbourne competitors.
 - Provision of recycling and rubbish bins on the Hardstand and encourage people to sort their rubbish.

I'd like to express my thanks to Sub-Committee members Jennifer Pascoe, Jan Talacko and John O'Donoghue



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