

Platinum!

First and So Far Only Platinum Level Clean Regatta in Hong Kong – 2022 China Coast Regatta hosted by RHKYC



In 2022, the China Coast Regatta awarded the Club's first-ever Platinum Level certification by Sailors for the Sea.

Not only was it the Club first Platinum certification – this was the first time that a Hong Kong-based yacht club earned this recognition, highlighting the Club's commitment to sustainability and responsible sailing practices.

The Clean Regattas programme is the world's leading sustainability certification for all on the water events. Since 2006, there over 2,600 events across 40 countries have shown their commitment to sustainability by becoming Clean Regattas. The programme outlines 20 best practices rooted in five sustainability themes. To be certified Platinum level, the Regatta needs to adopt at least 19 best practices. Our China Coast Regatta completed all 20 best practice action items to earn the platinum certificate.

It is gratifying that some of the best practices have already been widely adopted in our Club, which reflects our long-term commitment towards sustainability. Since 2016, we've banned single-use water bottles, plastic straws and dinnerware to minimise plastic wastage. Multiple water refill stations have been set up in all three Club facilities. We serve food that are either locally sourced or from sustainable sources and process and machinery has also been set up to minimise food waste being discharged to landfill.



Our regatta management team has completed all required actions items. The beautiful perpetual trophies located in the China Coast Regatta trophy cabinet don't just remind us of who the winning boats are but they are perpetual so are kept and awarded each year, with other prizes to keep by the winners are made of recyclable materials. Cutting edge technologies were leveraged to achieve a eco-smart, paperless race management, all regatta information such as notice of race, race entries, sailing instructions, etc. were accessible via website. During the race, the race committee always put emphasiss on and carefully monitored green boating practices.

The effort wasn't limited to the boating itself, the Sustainability Sub-Committee put together a Green team to partner with a team of members and volunteers from the event's main sponsor, St. James's Place, to work together on a beach cleanup within the vicinity of the race courses. During the beach clean-up, a large ghost net was retrieved from the corner of the rock beach at Middle Island and by removing this net, the volunteers helped prevent further harm to the environment and marine wildlife.



The Club's attainment of the Platinum Level Clean Regattas Certification is a testament to our dedication and hard work. We hope this success will inspire others to join the movement towards a more sustainable future for boating and the environment. 🌊