



## **Nelson Yacht Club** **Clean Club Action Plan** **Updated for 2025-26 Season**



Our recreational and sporting activities are implicitly connected to the marine environment, and one of the fantastic things about sailing is that you are out there in the elements. Located right on the waterfront, we will be first to feel the effects of sea level rise.

As a club we need to recognise and reflect on the impacts that our activities have and strive to reduce any negative effects wherever possible. This will include; specific impacts in our immediate surroundings, the broader scope of greenhouse gas emissions & their impact on climate change, and the issue of plastic waste and ocean health.

We are also in a great position to provide education and help to foster kaitiakitanga / guardianship of the Nelson Haven within the local community. The more people who are able to experience being out on the water, and be given an insight into the challenges and pressures on the marine environment, the better.

This Clean Club Action Plan is guided by the [NYC Environmental Sustainability Policy](#)

Red notes relate to ongoing actions or actions carried forward from the previous Clean Club Action Plan

### ***Lead from the top***

Members with responsibility will lead by example. Management will regularly review our environmental and sustainability objectives and targets

- ☐ *Appoint a dedicated environmental and sustainability representative on our administration committee.*
- ☐ *Actively communicate this policy to all members, contractors, partners and other stakeholders.*
  - ☐ *Did at start, but room for improvement with more comms*
- ☐ *Where possible, encouraging suppliers & tenants to meet high standards of environmental performance. **Not achieved***
- ☐ *Report on environmental performance in both internal and external communications, where relevant. **Clean Regattas registration. Admin Committee meetings.***
- ☐ *Review the Environmental Sustainability Policy annually*
- ☐ *Review and update this Clean Club Action Plan annually and measure targets and performance as part of that review.*

## **Reduce Reuse Recycle**

### Sustainably manage waste streams from our activities

- ☐ Recycling
- ☐ Compost - *partially achieved*
- ☐ Continue to improve signage to enable members to make the right choice for their waste sorting. *Not achieved*
- ☐ Landfill
- ☐ Minimise use of single use plastics - *ongoing - use of plates and cutlery, glasses etc...*
- ☐ Continue to use paperless communication for events, communications with members, notifications of races, results etc.
- ☐ Maintain our water refill station, extending supply for regattas when required

## **Care and Conserve**

### Understand how pollution from our activities impacts our environment and proactively develop strategies to manage and eliminate these

- ☐ Reef safe sunblock - *not achieved. Financially unachievable. Unsafe requirements prioritised. Wait for a more affordable reef-safe sunblock to become available.*
- ☐ Minimise pollution from patrol boat fuel and vehicle travel. *No towing policy at ILCA Nationals - encouraging turning off of motors, and efficient use - ie. not trawling/pushing at just under planing speed.*
- ☐ Carry out all work producing dust etc... on concrete so it can be swept up, or put down drop cloths.
- ☐ Power Boat Training for staff and volunteers - to include fuel efficiency discussion

### Conserve and manage energy & water

- ☐ Water audit - *not achieved*
- ☐ Exploring a water collection system - *not achieved*
- ☐ Crimp hose connectors to nozzles on at least one hose
- ☐ Engage the House Committee to monitor the sewerage and grey water pipes under the building.
- ☐ Energy audit
- ☐ Investigate Electric Outboard options when looking to replace existing.
- ☐ Continue to investigate SOLAR generation on the club roof space.
- ☐ Install sensors on light switches in changing rooms.
- ☐ New lighting in storage area to be LED.

## ***Communicate and Advocate***

Take an active role in educating members, and the wider community on environmental issues.

Actively engage with the community to maintain the improve the environment.

- ☐ *Run all regattas at a minimum of Silver accreditation under the Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas programme. **Not achieved***
- ☐ *Communicate to NBTS Committee and coach re: boats and insulation/duct tape.*
- ☐ *Rotary Boulder Bank Walk*
- ☐ *Engage with any Nelson City Council consultation processes that relate to the marine environment.*
- ☐ *Increase engagement of schools with the Moanamana programme.*

Learn about the Kororā / Little Blue Penguins we share our site with, and take actions to protect and enhance their home.

- ☐ *Dog policy - **old Club Rules includes No Dogs policy - Clarification and signage required. Refer to Admin Committee***
- ☐ *Trapping - **not achieved - fallen by the wayside. Good opportunity to task youth sailors with trap monitoring?***
  - ***Create trapping team and recruit members to it.***
  - ***Create schedule of regular check/resets.***
- ☐ *Cameras - **Not achieved***
- ☐ *Coordinate with DOC ? Boat house/shed - **talked to coordinator at Port Nelson Open Day, but they have their programme covered. Also communicated with EnviroSchools and Nelson City Council.***
- ☐ *Raising awareness communication - **Not achieved***