



RYA Northern Ireland Youth Championships 2021

Sustainability Charter

As a sport that relies on healthy seas and oceans, sailors have a vested interest in its future. The RYA believes strongly in protecting the environment and, as the organising authority of the RYANI Youth Championships 2021, we aim to reduce the environmental impact of our event and raise awareness of many environmental issues.

Taking inspiration from the work of the Green Blue and World Sailing's Sustainability Agenda 2030, our ambition is for this event to seek to reduce its environmental impact through a plan and to inspire best practice for future events across Northern Ireland.

Organisers will communicate the Event's Sustainability Charter with the general public, staff, sailors, volunteers, suppliers and sponsors, by means of the event website, and social media updates.

Our aim is to:

1. Reduce, reuse and recycle

Recycling points to be available throughout the regatta venue and clearly signposted. There will be a provision for food waste collection.

2. Eliminate single use plastics

Organisers to refrain from using single use plastic and encourage all that come to the event to follow this principle.

3. Pollution control

An oil spill kit to be made available. All participants, to be encouraged not to clean their boats with chemicals.

4. Save paper

Only recycled paper to be used throughout the regatta venue and paper use to be minimised within the race management system. Digital Sailing Instructions will be available through the event website and not printed.

5. Plastic Bottle reduction

Competitors, coaches and parents/guardians to be encouraged to bring their own bottles and fresh drinking water to be provided and signposted at the venue.

6. Save water

All hoses to have nozzles and signs to encourage saving water to be displayed.



7. Awareness of biosecurity risks

Competitors to be encouraged to clean their boats before arrival at and departure from the regatta venue. Information on the risks to be displayed.

8. Education for visitors

Organisers to reach out to visitors to the regatta venue to highlight the importance of protecting our environment through the likes of Green Blue resources.

9. Support cleaning event venue and surrounding areas

Organisers to encourage sailors, coaches, officials and supporters to keep the dinghy park, venue and surrounding areas clean of litter etc.

10. Litter free regatta

Adequate rubbish bins and recycling points to be provided to prevent litter escaping in to the sea and surrounding areas. All of those on the water to be reminded of RRS 55.

There will be litter picking stations with appropriate equipment at key locations at the venue.

We would like to thank all the competitors, coaches, volunteers, suppliers and regatta sponsors for their support.