

Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club

Environmental policy

- This policy applies to our sites at both Seaford and Piddinghoe.
- The director responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy is the Commodore.
- We shall adopt best practice over and above the minimum legislative requirements and encourage biodiversity.
- Ensure the club manages all potential pollution risks to protect our local watercourses.
- Minimise the use of energy and water in all our activities.
- Manage all waste generated by the club through a hierarchy of reduce, re-use and recycle before responsible disposal.
- Ensure specialist waste including electrical and hazardous are disposed of correctly.
- Publicise our environmental commitment and encourage sustainable best practice amongst our members and visitors.
- Take environmental credentials of our suppliers into account when procuring new products.
- Promote sustainability in our events by following the RYA 'green event guidelines'.
- Convey details of sensitive habitats/wildlife to be avoided, with signposts, bulletins and sailing briefings.
- Protect animals and plants, including not disturbing breeding birds or marine life.
- Use the most environmentally friendly products that are available and work efficiently.
- Source recyclable or reusable crockery, cutlery and cups.
- Provide public transport details on publicity materials and the website.
- Promote car share initiatives among members.
- Prohibit the release grey water into fresh waters, coastal waters or sensitive areas.
- Identify areas where the club's activities influence the environment and establish actions and targets to reduce the negative impact of these activities.
- Forbid the use of pesticides, artificial grass, carpet, felt or any other man-made material which impacts wildlife and reduces natural habitats on berths.
- Measure our progress and review this environmental policy on an annual basis to ensure continual improvement.

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