



Sustainability requirements - European championships, EurILCA Europa Cups and EurILCA Masters:

Why having sustainability requirements?

From 2022 onwards sustainability is a mandatory requirement for all EurILCA events. Our goal is to make all EurILCA events plastic free and more sustainable to be aligned with our values and raise awareness among the sailing community. These requirements are to help and guide you to achieve this goal.

Our requirements

1. Register your event in the Clean Regattas program by Sailors of the Sea/Oceana

<https://www.sailorsforthesea.org/programs/clean-regattas>

Select best practices (minimum best practices to select are shown below)
You are encouraged to download the toolkit during the registration of your event to Clean Regatta to help achieving each action. For questions regarding the details in the [toolkit](#) you can contact Clean Regattas and for all additional questions, clarifications or help, contact EurILCA Sustainability (sustainability@eurilca.org)

6 months prior to the event:

Send your sustainability plan to sustainability@eurilca.org (a form will be up on the website for you to fill in) explaining which best actions you chose and what is your implementation plans like:

- The organizations you are involving
- The time and place of the cleanup
- Your single-use plastics elimination strategy
- The types of food you are planning to serve and how (details on the cutlery needs and vegetarian alternatives)

Within a month following the event:

Send a report to sustainability@eurilca.org within a month after the event explaining (a form will be up on the website for you to fill in):

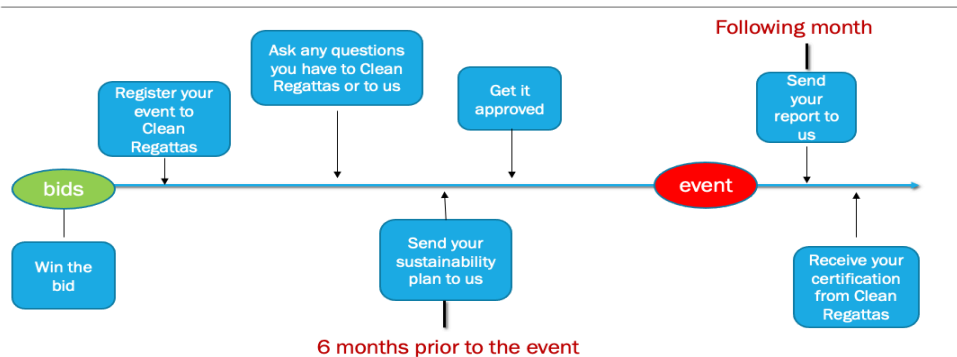
- Which planned actions were implemented? Were there some best practices that couldn't be achieved?
- What worked and what didn't
- How it can be improved
- Feedback from participants (if available)

You will receive a certificate from Clean Regattas if the actions are completed successfully.

Note that taking pictures of the practices is very important for the report and visibility of the program. We will help you by sharing them on our social media platforms.

Down below you will find the timeline explanation and minimum requirements for European Championships, EurlLCA Europa Cups and EurlLCA Masters, you are of course very welcome and **encouraged** to select additional practices and step up your sustainability game!

Timeline



- ▼ **Select Best Practices**

Best Practices Please refer to the **Toolkit** to see if your efforts fall under one of these 20 Best Practices. If your efforts do not fall under any of these Best Practices, please describe your additional efforts.

Elimination of Single-Use Items

- 1. Eliminate Single-Use Water Bottles and Provide Water Refill Stations
- 2. Eliminate Plastic Straws
- 3. Serve Food with Plastic-Free Dinnerware
- 4. Use or Provide Reusable Bags
- 5. Award Practical Items or Use a Perpetual or Upcycled Trophy

Community Involvement

- 6. Publicize Your Sustainability Efforts
- 7. Involve Local Organizations
- 8. Post Educational and Reusable Signage
- 9. Serve Local Food or Source Seafood Sustainably

Responsible Waste Management

- 10. Organize a Green Team
- 11. Ensure Proper Waste Bin Placement and Signage
- 12. Divert Food Waste from the Landfill
- 13. Use Paperless Event Management

Environmental Stewardship

- 14. Host a Beach or Marina Cleanup
- 15. Promote Alternative Transportation
- 16. Increase Awareness of Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- 17. Offer Vegetarian or Vegan Alternatives

Green Boating

- 18. Use Eco-Smart Race Management Techniques
- 19. Prevent Toxins from Entering the Water
- 20. Encourage Green Boating Practices

Certification Level Earned:

Silver

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Participant

EurlLCA Europa Cups and EurlLCA Masters that have less than 150 participants are required to select **at least** these best practices shown above resulting in a participant certification.

2. Mast sleeves' management:



- Sailors that already own mast sleeves should bring and use them in the event
- Sailors who do not have the sleeves with them will have to purchase them from the race office
- At the registration, sailors must show their mast sleeves
- They will be used only to distinct sailors' fleet colors
- The numbers do not matter so sailors can flip their socks inside out if they do not display a number and re-use them in future events
- Sailors are responsible for their sleeves, it is a part of their equipment. They should keep them at the end of the event and bring them for the next one or will have to purchase new ones
- Host clubs should not collect the sleeves or give away free ones in the registration

3. If you are hosting an event in 2022

If you are hosting an event in 2022, the timeline will be more flexible for your event and you must contact sustainability@eurilca.org as soon as possible to start the planning.