

**Greystones Sailing Club
Sustainability Officer – Waste Management Policy****1. Policy Statement**

Greystones Sailing Club is committed to reducing its environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices in line with Irish Sailing's environmental and sustainability guidance. Effective waste management is a key part of this commitment. The club recognises its responsibility to minimise waste, promote reuse and recycling, and ensure waste is disposed of safely and responsibly.

2. Role of the Sustainability Officer

The Sustainability Officer is responsible for:

- Promoting environmentally responsible behaviour across the club
- Overseeing waste management practices at the club and during events
- Acting as a point of contact for sustainability initiatives
- Supporting the committee in meeting Irish Sailing sustainability expectations

3. Waste Reduction

The club aims to reduce waste by:

- Encouraging **reusable bottles, lunch containers, and cups**, particularly during junior courses
- Minimising single-use plastics at club events
- Promoting digital communication over printed materials where possible
- Encouraging suppliers and event organisers to use sustainable packaging

4. Waste Segregation & Recycling

- Clearly labelled bins will be provided for **general waste, recycling, and food waste** where available
- Members, instructors, sailors, and visitors are encouraged to use bins correctly
- The Sustainability Officer will work with the committee to review bin placement and signage to improve correct usage

5. Junior Sailing & Courses

- Waste management practices will be incorporated into **junior sailing courses** and briefings
- Instructors will encourage juniors to:
 - Take responsibility for their rubbish
 - Use reusable lunch containers and bottles
 - Respect the marine and coastal environment
- Waste reduction and environmental awareness will be promoted as part of sailing education

6. Events & Regattas

For club events and regattas:

- Event organisers will be encouraged to plan with waste reduction in mind
- Recycling and waste facilities will be clearly identified
- Volunteers will be supported to help maintain clean and tidy facilities
- Litter checks may be carried out during and after events



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7. Hazardous & Marine Waste

- Hazardous waste (e.g. fuel containers, oils, batteries) must be disposed of in accordance with local authority regulations
- No waste is to be disposed of into the sea, harbour, or shoreline
- Any pollution incidents must be reported immediately to the committee and relevant authorities

8. Education & Awareness

- The Sustainability Officer will promote environmental awareness through:
 - Signage
 - Newsletters and club communications
- Members will be encouraged to take pride in keeping the club and surrounding waters clean

9. Review & Monitoring

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the committee
- Feedback from members, instructors, and Irish Sailing will be considered to improve waste management practices

10. Commitment

Greystones Sailing Club supports Irish Sailing's commitment to protecting Ireland's marine environment and encourages all members to play their part in ensuring the club operates in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner.

Reviewed By:

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