



UNIVERSITY SAILING SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE 2016-17

COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS FOR THIS AWARD LEVEL



BRONZE AWARD CRITERIA

No.	Focus	Actions	Evidence	Date(s) to Action
1	Leadership	<p>Select one or two members to be the club's Sustainability Officer(s).</p> <p>Sustainability Officer to undergo introduction to the challenge and training with The Green Blue. This introduction session will take approximately 1 hour in person or on Skype.</p>	<p>The Officer(s) must complete The Green Blue's (TGB) introduction session to The Green Blue and the challenge over Skype or in person.</p> <p>Contact TGB to arrange an introductory session at kate.fortnam@thegreenblue.org.uk</p>	
2	Communication	<p>Create a sustainable boating section on your sailing club website and/or a Facebook post announcement, informing your members that you have entered the 'University Sailing Sustainability Challenge 2016-17'.</p> <p>Explain what the challenge is about with a brief introduction about The Green Blue.</p> <p>Write why your club feels it is important for our sport to be more environmentally sustainable.</p>	<p>Email a screen shot of the sustainable sailing section of your website or/and the Facebook post to TGB as soon after as possible. TGB and the RYA will then tweet and share your Facebook post.</p> <p>Follow @thegreenblue on twitter and Facebook to see your posts retweeted and to view what other University Sailing Clubs are doing in the challenge.</p>	
3	Waste	<p>1. Minimise the use of disposable plastic bottles by encouraging members to bring their own re-usable sports bottles to training and races.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>2. Ensure all reusable water bottles are secured on boats when sailing to prevent them from falling or being blown into the water.</p>	<p>1. A photograph of at least 6 team members using their re-usable water bottles at training or an event.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>2. A photograph of a reusable water bottle secured onto a boat e.g. clipped on by a carabiner, tied to the boat by rope or a lanyard.</p>	



4	<p>Raising Awareness</p>	<p>Check to see if your sailing venue(s) have up to date TGB posters and leaflets on display. If not, email and chat to your club venue's committee to encourage them to display them. Display posters and leaflets in the club house.</p> <p>If your club already has TGB posters and leaflets check with The Green Blue team to see if these are up to date or need replacing.</p>	<p>If the club already displays The Green Blue's posters up, that are up to date, take a photo of these in place and email them to TGB.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>If they do not have any posters, request these from TGB and take a photograph of them once in place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>If the club does not wish to display TGB posters and leaflets, correspondence with the Commodore is still needed as evidence that a discussion took place about displaying the posters and leaflets.</p>	
5	<p>Bio-security + Awareness</p>	<p>Ensure there is signage at your sailing club/venue to inform and remind boaters to Check, Clean and Dry their boats to avoid the spread of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) around UK waters.</p> <p>Contact TGB for outdoor signs, posters and leaflets. Visit www.rya.org.uk/go/checkcleandry where you can download and print posters yourself.</p> <p>CHECK, CLEAN, DRY is a government campaign to get people who use UK waters e.g. boaters and anglers to take responsibility in ensuring INNS are not spread from one place to another. These species cause environmental and economic damage.</p>	<p>Photographs of outdoor sign, posters and leaflets put in place at your club or training venue.</p> <p>If your sailing venue does not approve of having any signage you will need to provide proof of email correspondence with the venue's committee.</p>	

