

Howth Yacht Club Environmental Policy Statement

- Howth Yacht Club is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment. This Policy Statement sets out how we will work towards achieving our environmental objectives.
- We will meet the environmental legislation that relates to the operation of the clubhouse boat park, hard-standing and marina and where possible identify opportunities to adopt best practice over and above the minimum legislative requirements.
- We will ensure that club safety boats are fuelled safely and responsibly to avoid spillage and pollution. Safety boats drivers will be trained in refuelling good practise.
- We will minimise the use of electricity in all of our activities. For example : turning off lights, replacing old light bulbs with energy efficient models.
- We will minimise the use of water in all our activities by turning off taps when not in use,
- We will minimise the creation of waste. For example, we will only print and photocopy if absolutely essential and then print double-sided.
- Where possible, we will use email rather than printed materials to communicate and promote our activities.
- We will recycle as much waste as possible by providing adequate clearly labelled bins and increasing our waste and recycling bins and/or collections during busy events.
- We will provide suitable containers for the disposal of hazardous waste streams.
- We will encourage members to scrub down their boats and apply antifouling in a designated area, collect scrapings and dispose of as hazardous waste.
- We will endeavour to take a sustainable approach to running events.
- We will promote relevant local environmental information to our members such as the location of voluntary no anchor zones, sensitive habitats/species.
- We will publicise our environmental commitment and promote sustainability amongst our members and visitors on our website and club notice boards.
- We will take the environmental credentials of our suppliers into account when procuring new products. By doing so we wish to encourage other organisations to integrate sustainability into their operations.
- We will measure our progress and review this policy on an annual basis.

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