

St Mawes Sailing Club Environmental Policy

The Club's primary objective is to encourage amateur sailing and to provide a venue and facilities for all those interested in activities afloat. Since the Club's inception over 100 years ago, members' interests have grown to include a wide range of water-based activities. In addition, the Club's own facilities have expanded and the number of members is now well over 1000 which means that individual and collective decisions about how we treat our environment can have a significant impact. It is up to us all to be proactive in caring for the waters and shores that surround us and reducing our carbon footprint.

To do this we aim to:

- meet all environmental legislation requirements that relate to the operation of the Clubhouse and Stoneworks Quay, and where possible identify opportunities to adopt best practice and exceed the minimum requirements
- minimise the use of fossil fuels and electricity in all our activities by adopting energy efficient technology and encouraging energy-saving behaviours
- manage all waste generated by the club by reducing, re-using, recycling and responsible disposal
- reduce consumption of water through improved water efficiency and avoiding unnecessary waste
- minimise waste in all activities including avoiding single use plastics
- ensure that the Club manages all potential pollution risks
- promote sustainability in all events by following the RYA Green Event Guidelines
- publicise StMSC's environmental commitment to members and visitors in order to encourage sustainable behaviours
- use the Club's platform to promote positive environmental projects with local connections e.g. Clean Ocean Sailing, New Dawn Traders and Grayhound
- encourage our suppliers and franchisee to adopt sustainable and environmentally friendly practices
- measure our performance and review this policy regularly in order to monitor and improve progress.

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