

Downs Sailing Club



Environmental Policy 2019

Downs Sailing Club is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment. This Policy Statement sets out how we will maintain or improve our impact on the environment.

Waste

- We will continue with our current efforts of recycling cans, plastic, glass and cardboard using clearly labelled bins
- We will cut down on our use of single use plastic water bottles by gradually phasing out selling them from the canteen and providing the option to purchase reusable bottles.
- We will limit our paper communication to a minimum by using electronic mail whenever possible with the exception of the yearly handbook and winter events schedule

Water

- We will minimise the use of water through simple measures such as nozzles on hoses which are checked regularly for leakage
- We will reduce our usage of harmful cleaning products on the beach and in the club house, seeking to use eco friendly products where appropriate.
- We will identify any new opportunities for the club to save water

Energy

We will switch to energy efficient light bulbs when bulbs need replacing

- We will ensure that all lights and non essential technology is switched off (not on standby) at the end of every session.
- New energy efficient heaters have been fitted to the club house. These will be used on the most energy efficient setting to create a comfortable heat. A weekly timing programme will be used so that the heating is not used unnecessarily

Fuel

- Fuel will be stored appropriately and decanting of fuel to the fuel tanks will be done on the hardstanding to limit possible contamination on the beach
- We will encourage fuel efficient driving when covering a safety boat duty
- Engines for the ribs will be maintained regularly to ensure they maintain their optimum fuel efficiency

Nature

- We will ensure that disturbance to the beach habitat and wildlife is kept to a minimum
- We will ensure that any litter in the area of the sailing club is cleared regularly

Events

- We will endeavour to run sustainable events by considering environmental factors during decision making
- We will be open to considering new suggestions on how our club could reduce its impact on the environment
- We will measure our progress and review this policy on an annual basis

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