

## YCRC Environmental Policy

### Overview

The Club and its members whilst participating in rowing activities should behave in a way to minimise any impact on the local environment. Furthermore, this would protect the health and enhance the enjoyment of all rowers and river users whilst on the river. Members and visitors should therefore observe the following guidelines as far as reasonably practical:

### Personal Kit

- Care should be taken to ensure that all Personal Kit taken onto the water should be removed from the water.
- Drink from clean multiple-use bottles rather than single-use plastic (supermarket) bottles.

### Rubbish

- Recycling bins e.g. plastics and clothing, are available around the Club and emptied regularly.
- All rubbish including personal kit and water bottles, should be either placed in the appropriate recycling or waste bins or removed from the Club area - including the Clubhouse, steps and towpath.
- All members should be alert to rubbish around the Club area and place it in the appropriate recycling facilities *even if it does not belong to them*.
- All redundant boating equipment owned privately or by the Club, should be recycled or disposed of appropriately and responsibly through the Estates and/or Boats Officer e.g. wooden hulls for recycling.
- The bins are for club and event waste only
- Items to be disposed of with use of the club truck should be authorised by the committee of management.

### Regattas

- Prior to all Regattas and Head Races hosted at the Club, visiting clubs will be advised of where they can be made aware of the policy and make reasonable attempts to support it.
- Recycling facilities should be made available during club events.

### Energy Consumption

- Electrical items should be turned on for the minimum usage only and turned off before leaving the Club or and when no longer needed.

### **Hazardous Chemicals including Petrol**

- The storage, disposal and cleaning up of spills of hazardous chemicals should be completed in accordance with COSHH regulations.

### **Noise Pollution**

- All motor outboards should drive at an appropriate speed depending on the situation and in accordance with British Waterways speed limits e.g. safety-monitoring, crew-training or responding to an emergency.

### **Clubhouse Refurbishment**

- The Clubhouse Development Committee shall investigate the costs and benefits of adopting energy efficiency measures and using renewable energy in any Clubhouse refurbishment.