



## **THE ATLANTIC CUP'S SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE**

*The Atlantic Cup is committed to being the most environmentally responsible sailing race in the United States. In the past two years, teams and race management have worked together to create a fully carbon neutral event. As the race grows, race management will continue to seek innovative ideas and products that align with its mission.*

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**In 2014, we are again striving to be the most environmentally responsible sailing race in the U.S. There are a few small steps you can take to help us throughout the race. Beyond the race we hope you consider adopting these practices as a permanent part of your race events.**

- **Reusable Water Bottles**

- All teams will be issued reusable water bottles. They **MUST** be used throughout the course of the event, both on and off the water. Feel free to use your own reusable bottles as well, but we have a no single-use plastic water bottle policy for the event.
- As a reminder the no single-use plastic bottle policy includes the inshore series.
- NEW for 2014, we will supply each team a dolphin pump to use for the inshore series, which will allow you to forego use of your water tanks. However, you will be responsible for purchasing a water container. FYI – Shaw's supermarket in Middletown, RI sells 5 gallon jugs at the registers.

- **Hydration Station**

- Zip2Water will be in all three cities again to provide filtered drinking water for you to fill your tanks, jugs and water bottles.

- **RRS Rule 55**

- As a reminder Rule 55 is in effect for the duration of the Atlantic Cup. Rule 55 stipulates that you not throw anything overboard. This includes the offshore legs and the inshore series (i.e. kite banding with yarn or other disposable source is not permitted).



- **Waste Disposal**
  - We will supply all teams with two bags for each leg of the race. One white and one clear. The white bag is for any material that is non-recyclable; the clear is for recyclable material.
  
- **Recycling**
  - Recycle all glassware, cans and any other recyclable material.
  - Recycling bins will be prominently displayed in all marinas.
  
- **Boat Cleaning Products**
  - Matt Chem Marine will supply environmentally friendly, biodegradable boat cleaner for each team.
  
- **Biodiesel**
  - Newport Biodiesel will supply biodiesel for all teams to create an 80(diesel)/20(biodiesel) blend in your engine. Before filling up your tank in Charleston please be sure to add Biodiesel.
  
- **Alternative Fuel**
  - We require all teams to have some form of alternative energy: hydrogenerator, fuel cell, solar panels. If you need assistance in set up or sourcing an alternative fuel source please let us know and we'd be happy to help.
  
- **Word of Mouth**
  - As the face of the Atlantic Cup, fans, kids, family members and friends may ask you about all of our environmental initiatives. Others may look to what you're doing on your boat for alternative fuel etc. We appreciate you helping us to convey our message of sustainability and how all of us taking small steps will make a difference.