

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

This policy sets out Devonport Yacht Club's commitment to minimising the impact of its activities on the natural environment.

1. Devonport Yacht Club will meet the environmental legislation that relates to the operation of the clubhouse, slipways and yard, and, where possible, identify opportunities to adopt best practice over and above the legislative requirements.
2. We will minimise waste produced by our activities. For example, we will not use disposable food serving-ware at our events and we will encourage recycling of used boating gear and clothing.
3. We will manage waste streams and recycle as much waste as possible. For example, by providing easy-to-identify bins for paper, glass, and general waste.
4. We will provide a suitable way to dispose of hazardous waste, including maintaining our sump system.
5. We will minimise water use. For example, by using hoses with automatic trigger nozzles and turning off taps when not in use.
6. We will use paperless methods for communications whenever practical. For example, by publishing our newsletters online.
7. We will keep our electricity use low. For example, by using LED lights in place of old light bulbs.
8. We will take our suppliers' environmental credentials into account when we procure new products.
9. We will require members who do maintenance work on their boats on the slipways and in the haulage yard to ensure contaminated water is directed to the sump.
10. We will promote local environmental information to our members through our website and newsletters.
11. We will publicise our environmental commitment and promote sustainability on our website and through Sea Talks presentations.
12. We will measure our progress on an annual basis by providing a report to the Annual General Meeting based on an annual report to Yachting New Zealand for Clean Club accreditation.