



This year California Yacht Club and Laser Midwinters West have pledged their commitment to Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas Program. What this means is that leading up to, during and following this year's regatta, CYC will be working with Sailors for the Sea to minimize the impact that the event will have on our shores, seas and harbor areas. This will include activities such as keeping the site clear of trash and debris, reducing reliance on plastic bottles and cups and promoting the use of non-toxic cleaning products.

We are off to a great start, but we need your help. As a sailor in this event, you will be on the front lines as we work to keep our waters clear. Every choice and action can make a difference. Here are a few ways you can help during the race:

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Eliminate disposable bottles by reusing a single one, and recycle anything that can't be reused. At every opportunity, try to find a way to reduce your individual impact on the sea.
- Keep it Clean – Hold on to any trash or recycling until you can dispose of it properly. If you see any debris on shore or in the water, pick it up and throw it away. (e.g., rigging tape, cigarette butts, bottles and cans)
- Rinse it Down – Clean your boat using water only during the event. Deck soaps contain phosphates and nitrates that can dramatically affect water quality, especially in a harbor full of regatta boats. A list of "green" cleaning products can be found at this link: [sailorsforthesea.org/Green-Cleaning-Products](http://sailorsforthesea.org/Green-Cleaning-Products)
- Oil Spill Prevention - Motorized vessels shall carry and use at least one bilge sponge and one fueling spill pad.
- Contact CYC Clean Regatta liaison, Sue Herrschaft – [sherrschaft@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrschaft@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help as we work together for a cleaner ocean.

### ***About Sailors for the Sea***

*Founded in 2004, Sailors for the Sea is a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers the boating community to protect and restore oceans and local waters. For more information on or to participate in any of the Sailors for the Sea programs, or to become a member and support the organization, visit [www.sailorsforthesea.org](http://www.sailorsforthesea.org).*