



Townsville Sailing Club leading the clean and green way on The Strand with Queensland's first Clean Regatta

The Townsville Sailing Club on The Strand has taken a leading role in ensuring that Cleveland Bay and The Strand waterfront are kept clean and that the sport and the Club are at the forefront of environmental sustainability.

The Club has teamed up with leading international conservation organisation **Sailors for the Sea** to stage Queensland's first Clean Regatta with it's North Queensland Sprint Championship Regatta from Sept 30 to October 2nd.

Sailors for the Sea engages, educates, inspires and activates the sailing and boating community toward healing the ocean while the Sailing Club is passionate about Cleveland Bay and The Strand.

"Our oceans are linked to everything from climate influence to health and wellness. Ocean health is critical for our planet and sailors are one of the most affected groups working to protect and conserve," commented Robyn Albritton Sustainability Director, Sailors for the Sea.

"The Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regatta certification programme is the world's only sustainability certification for water-based events and is comprised of 25 best practices to help event managers easily implement sustainability. We are delighted to see the Townsville Sailing Club lead the Clean Regatta way in Queensland."

Mr Andy Hunt from the sport's global governing body **World Sailing** commented, "Sailing has a unique relationship between sport, technology and the forces of nature. Sailors have an opportunity to be guardians of the oceans and waters of the world."

The Townsville Sailing Club with the aid of Townsville City Council has implemented initiatives both onshore and offshore to achieve a Sustainability Certification for the regatta from Sailors for the Sea.

The Club's Ambassador Mr John Byrne said, "Every person who uses The Strand or Cleveland Bay has a part to play and the Sailing Club is proud to be a lead organisation in the conservation of our waterfront."

The regatta marks the 122nd birthday of the Club that has seen a century of changes on The Strand.

"Ours is a community club on The Strand and we believe in the spirit of life that sailing provides for our youth and adults alike. We will do our part to ensure that in another 122 years' time, dinghy sailors young and old are enjoying pristine waters and seeing abundant wildlife in Cleveland Bay.

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