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## SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION FOR ORC CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### **PROPOSAL**

Amend the Green Book (ORC Championship Regulations, Sustainability) to require all official ORC title events (World and Continental Championships) to achieve at least Clean Regattas Bronze level certification by Sailors for the Sea, or a similar recognized national sustainability certification.

Organizers shall submit documentation of their certification achievements in line with Clean Regattas reporting standards.

### **RATIONALE**

World Sailing already mandates Clean Regattas certification for its owned events, recognizing it as the global standard in sustainability for sailing. ORC, as an international authority recognized by World Sailing, should align its title events accordingly.

Environmental Leadership and Credibility Clean Regattas is the premier sustainability certification for sailing, with over 4,000 events certified across 53 countries, reaching 1.7 million sailors and attendees. Requiring certification demonstrates ORC's leadership and builds public trust in its environmental stewardship.

Alignment with Sailing Governance

ORC is committed to "help grow, improve and sustain the sport." Mandating certification is a direct, actionable step that strengthens this mission while fitting naturally into existing event protocols.

Practical, Achievable, and Repeatable

The Clean Regattas programme provides a proven, tiered framework (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum) with best practices such as eliminating single-use plastics, providing refill stations, and instituting recycling. Bronze-level certification is realistic for all organizers and provides clear guidance and support.

By mandating Clean Regattas or equivalent certification, ORC elevates environmental responsibility, empowers organizers with tangible tools, and strengthens its reputation as a forward-looking leader in sailing governance.