



Environmental Policy Statement

The RYA recognises that the protection of the environment is an integral part of our business and a prime responsibility of management at every level. Our members enjoy the experience of boating in a clean environment and we want to ensure that they continue to be able to do so. We believe that environmental damage is avoidable so will do everything that is reasonably practicable to prevent it.

All RYA employees are responsible for managing the organisation's impact on the environment and minimising the resulting effects whenever possible.

The Directors and Managers of the RYA will provide necessary resources including finance, personnel, training and equipment, to ensure that our environmental management arrangements are implemented effectively.

We will comply with applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution, identify and minimise risks to the environment posed by our operations, and ensure continuous improvement in our performance

In order to manage and improve our environmental performance we will:

Control our own impacts

- maintain a register of relevant legislation in order to ensure legal compliance
- work towards implementing an Environmental Management System which conforms to ISO14001
- manage our use of chemicals and ensure effective storage to reduce the risk to the environment
- minimise our use of fossil fuels, and hence our climate impact, through effective use and maintenance of our vehicle and boat fleet and through energy efficiency measures in our buildings
- follow the Waste Hierarchy: reducing, re-using and recycling our waste where reasonably practicable through a variety of onsite and offsite recycling facilities, minimising the impact of residual waste through responsible disposal
- include environmental and ethical considerations in purchasing decisions wherever practicable
- set realistic objectives and targets for environmental performance, and monitor and review our environmental performance annually to demonstrate our commitment to continual improvement
- review this policy statement on an annual basis

Manage the impact of events and activities that we organise

- ensure effective working practices are in place to reduce the risk of pollution and control risks from environmental hazards during events organised by the RYA

Influence others

- engage with and communicate the importance of environmental good practice to our employees, members, suppliers and other stakeholders and support them where practicable in improving their own environmental performance
- annually report on progress to our stakeholders and to the wider public

Signed:

Sarah Treseder, CEO

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