



**ORC European championship
2026 Klaipėda, Lithuania**

SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES FOR SUPPLIERS



Dear Partners and Suppliers,

*The ORC European Championship 2026 is committed to becoming one of the most sustainable sailing events in Europe and achieving the highest level of certification under the **Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas** programme – **Platinum Clean Regatta Certification**.*

Achieving this goal is only possible through our collective efforts. Every supplier and partner plays an important role in the success of the Championship, and we therefore invite you to support our sustainability objectives by incorporating the principles outlined in these guidelines into your operations. We believe that responsible decisions—from the choice of materials and products to waste prevention and the efficient use of resources—will help us deliver an event that sets a new benchmark for sustainable sailing events across the Baltic Sea region.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Suppliers are encouraged to:

- Minimise the use of single-use products.
- Give preference to reusable, recyclable and compostable materials.
- Reduce waste generation and support waste separation.
- Use resources efficiently and avoid unnecessary consumption.
- Source local products and services whenever possible.
- Contribute to the protection of the Baltic Sea and coastal environment.

CATERING SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catering service providers are expected to:

- Not use single-use plastic tableware, cups, cutlery or plastic straws. These requirements are consistent with the European Union restrictions on certain single-use plastic products in force since 2021. Where necessary, reusable or compostable alternatives shall be used.
- Offer vegetarian meal options as an alternative during all official catering functions.
- Use local and seasonal ingredients whenever possible.
- Minimise food waste.
- Ensure proper separation and management of food waste.

PRINTING AND PRODUCTION SERVICE PROVIDERS

Printing and production service providers are encouraged to:

- Give preference to digital solutions.
- Print only essential materials.
- Use recycled or certified paper whenever possible.
- Produce reusable signs and information materials.
- Design materials that can be reused at future events.

SOUVENIR AND AWARD SUPPLIERS

Suppliers of souvenirs and awards are encouraged to:

- Provide practical, durable and long-lasting products.
- Avoid disposable promotional giveaways.
- Give preference to locally manufactured products.
- Use recycled, recyclable or sustainably sourced materials.
- Minimise packaging wherever possible.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

Marketing and communication service providers are encouraged to:

- Prioritise digital communication.
- Use reusable promotional materials.
- Minimise the production of single-use advertising materials.
- Support and promote the event's sustainability goals and key messages through their communication activities.

COOPERATION

The Organising Authority of the ORC European Championship 2026 values the contribution of all suppliers to the event's sustainability objectives. Suppliers may be requested to provide information, photographs or other supporting documentation required for the event's Sustainability Report and the Clean Regattas Platinum Certification process. Thank you for contributing to a more sustainable sailing event in the Baltic Sea region.



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