



BCA ENVIRONMENTALLY & SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE CLUB NIGHTS & SOCIAL EVENTS CHECKLIST

Club nights are like a home for BCA members. This is where we connect with old friends and make new ones, learn from each other and nurture the positive culture of the BCA.

With a goal of making our club nights and social events more green and sustainable, here are some ideas that organizers and hosts can consider. We hope that these suggestions will help build BCA's reputation as stewards of our ocean and land-based environments. Please consider using as many of these suggestions as makes sense for your situation.

Questions or suggestions? enviro@bluewatertcruising.org

In pre-event promotions, remind members to BYO reusable plates and cutlery to all food events.	
Consider purchasing supplies for your club night from a local or ethical supplier, such as a B-Corp or one that promotes their sustainability and social values as part of their identity.	
If composting and recycling services are available at your venue, make sure you use them. If not, ask for help from the attendees to compost or recycle.	
Consider ESRC aims when sourcing gifts or other take-aways... minimal use of plastics; durable and useful goods; compostable at end of use; etc.	
Consider opening meetings and presentations with land acknowledgements for your meeting place, or other recognition of cultural practices for guests in First Nations territories	
Ask the ESRC working group to help organize presentations that support ESRC's mission. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eco-friendly or socially-responsible gadgets and tools• Electric or hybrid boats• Eco-friendly boat maintenance, including the use of non-toxic antifouling products and sustainable materials for boat repairs and upkeep• Marine conservation, the importance of protecting aquatic ecosystems, and how sailors can contribute to environmental stewardship• Social responsibility and cultural awareness for cruisers• A presentation to members by the ESRC working group.	
Consider the inclusion of vegetarian or plant-based options at any meals provided or hosted by BCA.	
Think about strongly discouraging the use of single-use plastics at the event and doing your best to limit the use of them while preparing to host.	
Monitor the environmental impact of the club nights and create an annual report detailing the efforts made and the outcomes achieved to share with ESRC and future club night organizers – perhaps have a brief report in Currents on successes (efforts and ESRC type outcomes)	

