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### ***For Your Consideration: Too many Water Bottles!***

Sometimes, I get great e-mails outlining with passion a cause. In some cases, they are so good that it is worth passing along. Here is something that received from Edgartown after their junior regatta and you know, it makes sense. As sailors, we are stewards of the ocean. How we treat it affects us, the country, and the planet. Sometimes, we take the easy way out by purchasing plastic water bottles when we could just require the kid to bring their own reusable ones.

Here are Greg's thoughts:

Hi Rob,

I wanted to reach out to you because I am going to propose to the Edgartown Yacht Club to stop providing plastic water bottles at our regatta and I was hoping you could help me get a few facts straight. I spent two hours last night going through every trash bag from the regatta from Friday and Saturday. I ended up with 5 full trash cans of recycling (mostly water bottles) and only one and a half trash bins of actual waste (see attached).



All of this would have been thrown out if I hadn't sorted through it (and all the nasty things that came with it). So, that being said, I was hoping you could give me more information on the clubs/programs/associations that already embrace this movement. I am quite sure college sailing has eliminated plastic water bottles from events, and I know this was true for many of the high school events. Do you know if other popular summer regattas have eliminated plastic water bottles as well? .

Thanks Greg for starting the conversation. If your club bans plastic water bottles, send me an [e-mail](#). Hopefully we can all incorporate this idea into what we are

doing with our program going forward. Every journey starts with a step.



The 2015 [SMSA Grand Prix](#) results will be updated tomorrow -The C420s through Falmouth and the Opti through Wianno. The C420s are at Scituate next week; the Opti are off until Duxbury Bay.

Questions, comments, & concerns can be address to [me](#). With so much data begin entered, there are bound to be some mistakes. If you point them out, I can fix them quickly.

[C420 standings](#)

[Opti Standings](#)



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7/31 - 8/2: Hyannis Regatta

7/31 - 8/2: H class Nationals

8/1-8/2: Chatham Regatta

8/2-8/6: Sears, Bemis Smythe

8/3-8/4: Scituate Jr Regatta



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8/3-8/5 CJ Buckley Regatta  
8/4-8/6: USODA NEs at Salem  
8/6: Wild Harbor C420 Invitational

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8/7: JO Windsurfing  
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Park  
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Champs  
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8/12: Plymouth Jr, Regatta  
8/13-8/16: C420 NA in NC

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