

Active Thames Hub

Sustainability

22 May 2024

Hosted by Jenny Cooper-Low, Emily McLean and the Active Thames Partnership.



Agenda

- **Welcome and housekeeping**
- **The Clean Thames Plan**
- **RYA Green Blue**
- **Short comfort break**
- **Panel Discussion**
- **City Bridge Foundation**
- **Dinks Reception, closing at 19:00**

CLEAN THAMES PLAN

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PRIORITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES

- Trust Port: Protect and enhance the environment of the tidal Thames.
- Thames Vision 2050 – Natural Thames
- Tidal Thames is a story of recovery, but more work is needed.
- Working with our key stakeholders and partners to tackle this problem.



THAMES LITTER STRATEGY ACHIEVEMENTS

726

TONNES OF
DEBRIS REMOVED
FROM RIVER

400+

RIVER CLEAN UP EVENTS
SUPPORTED

64k

WET WIPES
REMOVED

£35k

FUNDING AWARDED
THROUGH THAMES
ENVIRONMENT FUND

VISION: A CLEAN THAMES

- Created a plan that aims to address all forms of pollution in the river
- Work in collaboration with over 30 partners to deliver improvements to the Thames
- Tackling sewage pollution through our Clean Thames Manifesto
- PLA and partners have agreed to focusing on 10 priority areas for action.

1

Seek opportunities for nature restoration



2

Collect, use & share meaningful data and research



3

Engage with the public to access, understand and value the river



4

Create funding opportunities to enable innovation and technological development



5

Partner with businesses to co-develop best management practices to reduce pollution



6

Thames is an evidence-based exemplar for solutions to river pollution in the UK



7

Combat pollution pathways into the river



8

Co-produce holistic and enforceable legislation



9

Understand the plastic lifecycle to tackle sources of litter



10

Remove existing litter in the river



THE CLEAN THAMES PARTNERSHIP

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Work with water companies to make real-time water quality data accessible to river users



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Run citizen science litter monitoring programmes and share pollution data.



IN THE DRINK

Facilitate the switch from single use to reusable cups at riverside bars and restaurants.



BRITISH ROWING & RIVER ACTION

Carry out water quality monitoring at key sites in the tidal Thames and engage local rowing clubs on pollution.



THAMES RIVERS TRUST

Develop public awareness campaign in line with the opening of the Thames Tideway Tunnel.



ZSL

Deliver 'Outfall Safari's' across the tidal Thames tributaries to identify polluting discharges through misconconnections



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HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Champion for water quality in your local area through running local education initiatives or campaigns through your club.



- Sign up to our **Clean Thames Challenge** in late summer and commit to one of our challenges.
- Join our Clean Thames Partnership and discover further ways to get involved to improve water quality in the Thames.

THAMES ENVIRONMENT FUND 2024

- Applications opening:
June 2024
- Deadline for submission:
September 2024



Our funding themes are:

- Improving water quality
- Enhancing ecology and biodiversity
- Reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainability
- Improving air quality

Two Types of funding are available:

- Large grants (up to £15,000)
- Small grants (up to £2,500)

QUESTIONS?

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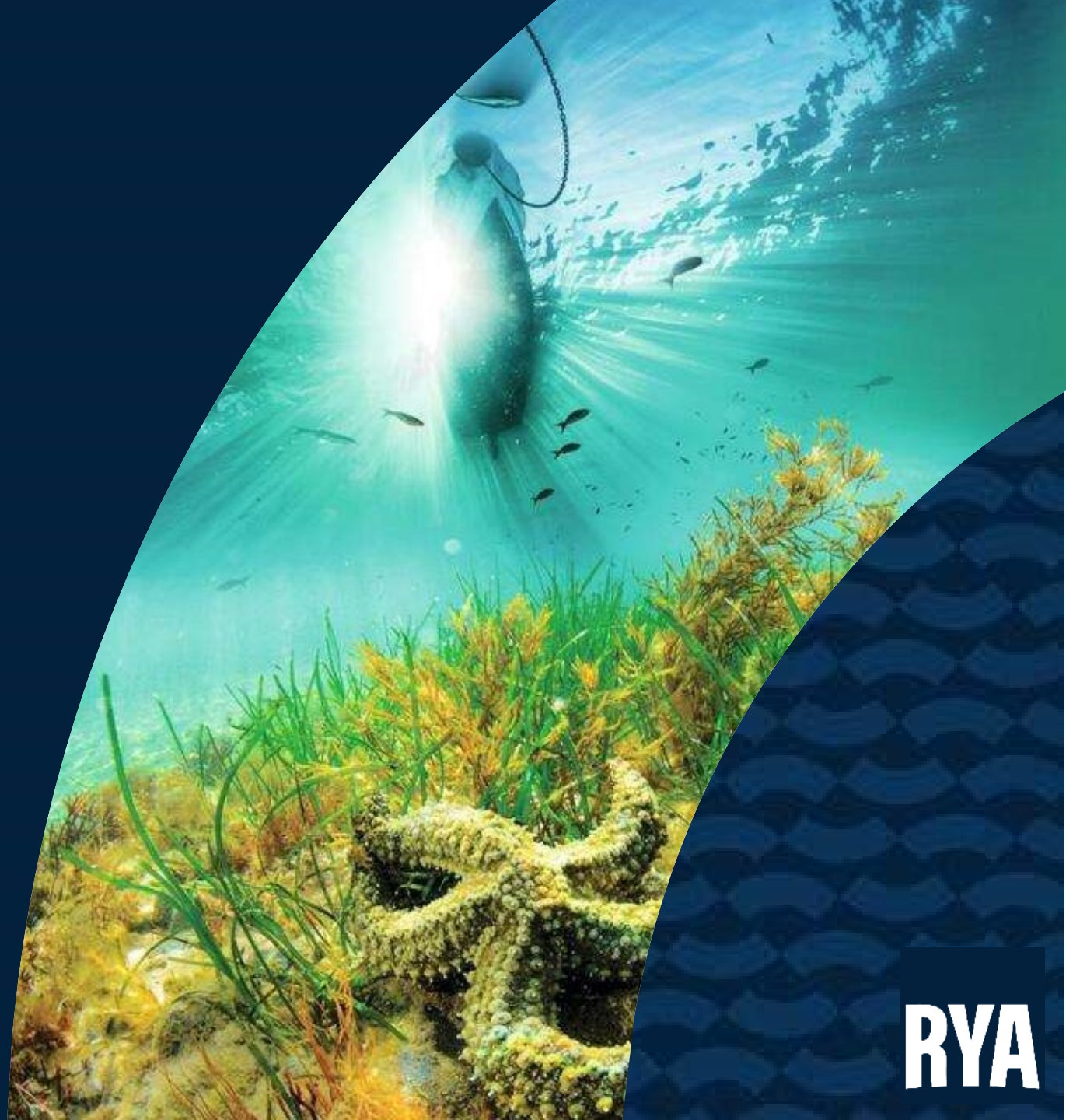
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•Inspire, Inform and Enable





The Green Blue

The Royal Yachting Association's environmental outreach programme

- Established in 2005 by the Royal Yachting Association and British Marine.
- Recognised as the leading programme for sustainable boating info, advice and resources across the UK.
- Winner of World Sailing's Sustainability Award.
- Patron – Mike Golding MBE





The Green Blue

- Raising awareness
- Guidance and resources
- Outreach work e.g. talks/webinars, training and event stands
- Working closely with government agencies and bodies
- Developing partnerships, projects & recognitions
- Awareness of sustainable products, services & facilities





Our Vision

An environmentally sustainable recreational boating community, able to enjoy our waters while protecting and enhancing them for nature and people.

Mission

To **Inspire**, **Inform** and **Enable** the recreational boating community to make environmentally sustainable choices, alongside supporting sustainable innovation across the leisure boating sector.



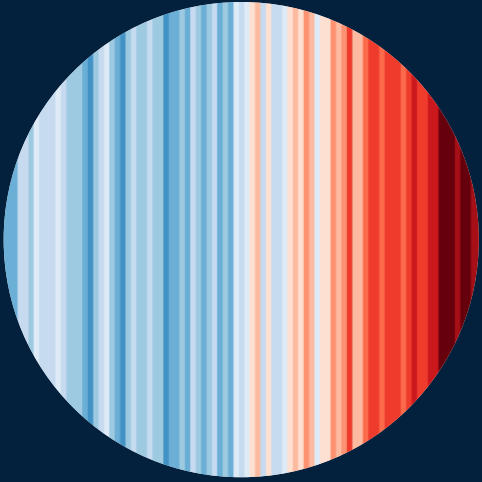


Campaigns & Projects

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Key Campaign Areas



Climate Change

Alternative propulsion
Energy Efficiency
Renewable energy use



Biodiversity

Invasive species prevention
Seabed habitat protection & restoration
Boating around wildlife



Water Quality

Antifoul paints
Oil & Fuel
Sewage/black water



Waste & Recycling

EOL Boats and Equipment
Sustainable materials
Recycling options



Boating Pledge







Pledge to
Respect, Protect and Enjoy
our boating environment






Respect

-  Minimise noise
-  Minimise wash
-  Keep to speed limits
-  Respect voluntary no-anchor and no-access zones
-  Use designated slipways
-  Reduce – Reuse – Repair- Recycle

Protect

-  Don't throw anything overboard
-  Choose your anchorage with care
-  Keep your hull and equipment clean
-  Take care when handling fuels, oils and paints
-  Discharge blackwater responsibly
-  Use eco-friendly cleaning products

Enjoy

-  Observe wildlife from a distance
-  Research your destination to get the most out of your visit
-  Enjoy our amazing inland and marine waters whilst safeguarding wildlife and habitats



#GoGreenOnTheBlue

Scan to make the Pledge!

LIFE Recreation **ReMEDIES**

#SaveOurSeabed



Working in partnership with:



Project aim:

To restore and protect sensitive seabed habitats through minimising disturbance from recreational activities.

RYA/The Green Blue role:

- Raise awareness of the importance of marine habitats
- Encourage and enable boat users to adopt sustainable anchoring and mooring practices
- Encourage the installation of Advanced eco-Mooring Systems (AMS)



Impact on Seabed Habitats



Solutions and Behaviour Change

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LIFE Recreation
ReMEDIES





Resources



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You & Your Boat

Info and advice on how to maintain, equip and operate your boat in an environmentally friendly manner.

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Clubs, Centres & Associations

Info, advice and resources on how to make your operations and facilities more sustainable and raise awareness of good practice among members.

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Marine Businesses

Info, advice and resources on how to make your operations and facilities more sustainable and raise awareness of good practice amongst your customers.

LEARN MORE







Resources for Clubs

Guidance and Tools:

- Environmental Self-Audits
- Environmental Action Plan
- Environmental Policy and examples
- Sustainable Event Toolkit
- Info & advice on operations & facilities

Accreditation & Awards:

- Single Use Plastic Free Certification
- RYA Green Blue Club of the Year Award
- Sustainability Accreditation for Clubs





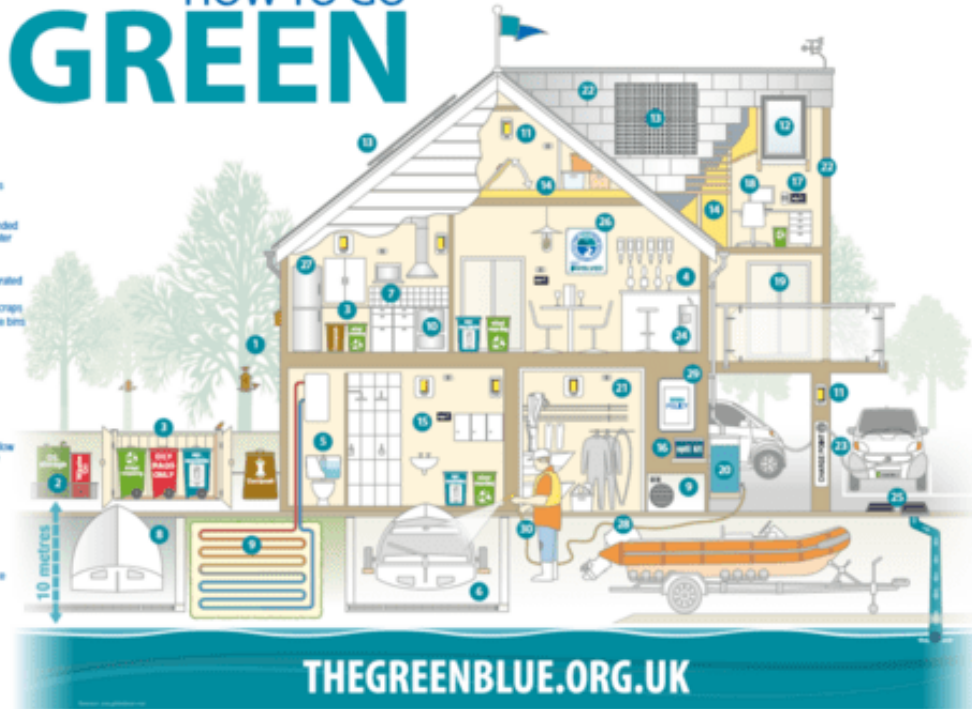
MORE SUSTAINABLE CLUBS, CENTRES + BUSINESSES

- Environmental Self-Audits
- Environmental Action Plan and Policy Guides
- Sustainable Event Toolkit
- How to green your operations & facilities
- **Accreditations:**
 - Single Use Plastic Free Certification – finalstrawcertified.org.uk
 - Sustainable Club Accreditation – in development



HOW TO GO GREEN

- 1 Go Wild! Create wild areas to encourage biodiversity
- 2 Oil and fuel storage in bunded area, 10m+ away from water
- 3 Waste Management
Waste and recycling separated and labelled
Compost bin for kitchen scraps
Separate hazardous waste bins
Secure waste compound
- 4 No single use plastics
- 5 Water saving measures
Flow restrictors and dual flush toilets
- 6 Wash down facilities to follow the Check, Clean and Dry biosecurity protocol
- 7 Eco cleaning products
- 8 Bunded area for fueling removal and anti-leaking of vessels
- 9 Water ground or air source Heat Pumps
- 10 Switch to induction hobs and electric ovens



- 11 LED lighting
- 12 Air tightness and managed ventilation
- 13 Renewable energy generation
- 14 Loft, floor and wall insulation
- 15 Heating controls
- 16 Spill kits
- 17 Energy monitoring and reporting
- 18 Energy from renewables supplier
- 19 Triple glazed high performance windows and doors
- 20 Rainwater harvesting
- 21 Motion sensors for lighting
- 22 Sustainable construction materials
- 23 Vehicle charge points
- 24 Water refill points
- 25 Surface water interceptors and labelled drain covers
- 26 Awareness & engagement
- 27 Sourcing of Food & Drink: Increase plant-based options, local and organic
- 28 Innovations in propulsion
- 29 Leadership & management
- 30 Trigger nozzles for hoses, away from water bodies with back-flow prevention devices





- Electric engines + outboards
- Clothing
- Ropes
- Sail cloth
- Cleaning Products
- Water & Bilge Filters
- Bio-Epoxy Resins
- Boat Recycling
- Electric Vessel Installation Services





UK Boating Environmental Facilities Map

← Bangor Marina

Name

Bangor Marina

Latitude

54.664263

Longitude

-5.671537

VHF Channel

Pump Out

Y

Black Water/ Elsan Disposal

Y

Compost Toilet Disposal

N

Grey Water Disposal

Y

Map

- Recycling points
- Pump out stations
- Blackwater Elsan Points
- Hazardous Waste Disposal
- Fresh Water Refill
- Filtered/bunded Boat Washdown
- Flare Disposal
- Electric car/vessel charging
- Boat breakers



Outreach Activities



University Sailing Sustainability Challenge

University sailing clubs undertake sustainable actions to achieve an award level:

Bronze

Silver

Gold

Platinum







PRESENTED BY PRACTICAL BOAT OWNER & YACHTING MONTHLY

Boat Owner
YACHTING



Boat Owner
YACHTING



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Break until 17:00

Welcome to our guest speakers

Adam Freeman-Pask – Fulham Reach Boat Club

Belinda Lamb – Medway Swale Estuary Partnership

Beth Ettinger – Laburnum Boat Club

Paul Hyman – Active 360 and In the Drink



City Bridge Foundation

Applying for Funding

Vision

For London to be a city where all individuals and communities can thrive, especially those experiencing disadvantage and marginalisation.

Mission

To reduce inequality and grow stronger, more resilient and thriving communities for a London that serves everyone.

Values

We aim to be: Progressive; Adaptive; Collaborative; Inclusive; Environmentally Responsible; and Representative.



Decision Making Process

- **6 months decision time** (main grants programme)
- **Online application** – form and supporting documents
- **Full review** by Funding Manager
- **Assessment visit** or call if this is not possible
- **Charities Finance Team review**
- **Decision**
- **Public committee meetings**



What you need to provide with your application

- Your governing document (i.e. your constitution)
- Most recent signed accounts
- (We will likely ask that you provide us with two further sets of financial information after you apply, e.g. draft accounts, management accounts, budget, or forecast)
- Safeguarding policy
- Fully costed budget
- Impact measurement framework



Who we fund

- Registered charities
- Registered Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Registered Charitable Incorporate Organisations (CIOs)
- Charitable companies
- Exempt or excepted charities
- Registered charitable industrial and provident societies or charitable Community Benefit Societies (Bencoms)
- Constituted voluntary organisations - (this is specific to the Small Grants programme, Constituted voluntary organisations are not eligible for other CBF funding)



Who we don't fund

- Party political organisations
- Charities registered outside the UK
- Individuals
- Schools, PTAs, other educational establishments
- Hospitals and primary healthcare providers
- Statutory bodies
- For-profit organisations
- Residential facilities
- Community amateur sports clubs



Our Grantmaking Programmes

- Children and Young People
- Criminal Justice: better futures for people leaving custody
- Deaf and disabled people: inclusive services and better access
- Environment and sustainability: creating a greener London
- Increasing the quality and scale of giving
- Infrastructure Funding
- Mental Health
- Older people: increasing choice and control
- Social, welfare, legal advice and food poverty
- Refugees, asylum seekers and migrants
- Strengthening voice and leadership
- Tackling abuse exploitation and hatred
- Small grants
- The Anchor Programme



Environment and sustainability: creating a greener London

Revenue funding: making London a greener city for all

We want to fund local projects that take an equitable approach to mitigating and/or adapting to climate change. We encourage applications both from organisations that already actively focus on climate and nature and those that have not previously seen environmental action as a priority.

Grant details

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Funding length: Up to 5 years

Funding size: There is no minimum or maximum limit to how much we will give, however we never give revenue funding exceeding 50% of the applicants turnover/income in any one year

Examples of projects we can fund include work that:

- sets out to reduce London's emissions
- protects, manages, expands or enriches London's green spaces
- tackles poor air quality
- prevents and prepares for impacts of climate change such as flood and/or drought or heatwaves
- promote biodiversity
- increase access to growing spaces



How much can you apply for?

- “Full cost recovery” – we will contribute to your overheads and core costs as part of project funding
- Up to 5 years’ continuous funding
- A revenue grant can be up to 50% of an organisation’s income as of latest signed accounts
- Minimum of the Real London Living Wage (currently £13.15/hr) for salaries
- Up to 1 FTE post for salary costs
- We can be the sole funder of a project or contribute to larger work
- Average grant size available on website



Environment and sustainability: creating a greener London

Eco Audits

Eco Audits set out ways organisations can be more sustainable and reduce their carbon footprint. They are free and available to all eligible organisations wherever the building is owned or with a lease over two years.

Two-part visit by a specialist Eco Auditors consisting of an initial audit and a follow-up visit. Investigates all aspects of the organisation's ways of working. Auditors make recommendations on ways to reduce environmental impact returning after 1 year to review what's been implemented and to measure any savings.

Grant details

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Funding size: External auditors carry out the audit and are paid directly, the average award is £

Applicants need to demonstrate its building and activities benefit the wider community and do not exclusively advance the promotion of any of specific religion. The building doesn't have to be open to the public, as long as the work of the organisation benefits the wider community.



Environment and sustainability: creating a greener London

Capital funding for building works

Funds to carry out the building work recommend by the eco audit where organisations own the building or have a lease of at least 10 years.

Grant details

Open to: Organisations in receipt of an Eco Audit from one of our approved consultants prepared in the last three years, or applicants in receipt of a Refresher Eco Audit. Organisations already holding one of our mainstream grants are not eligible to apply for capital funding.

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Funding size: Up to £150,000

We can only fund work where the total refurbishment costs do not exceed £15 million.

Works can include (but not necessarily limited to):

- Insulation
- solar panels
- heat pumps
- on-site biodiversity schemes
- energy efficient lighting systems



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Feedback



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