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Dear Members,

As you probably know, our Club members voted unanimously at the Annual General Meeting in December 2019, to adopt an ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. This policy and related OBJECTIVES and ongoing information is posted on the PCYC website. Each season the Club will undertake specific initiatives aimed at improving our operations, events and member activities, so we can become better stewards of our water, land and air environments.

To keep members well informed about these Environmental initiatives and to provide Environmental Sustainability information, we will be sending out a brief GREEN MESSAGE on a regular basis. These messages will also be posted in the Environmental section of the PCYC website.

Our Executive Officers and the Green Committee members also solicit and encourage your GREEN ideas and comments. Your input will be important in helping determine the things we do to progress toward our Environmental objectives. To facilitate member-communication, the Club has set-up a "Member Forum" to enable members to exchange comments, questions and ideas about various aspects of the Club including Green Initiatives.

For our first message, we are providing a reminder of what Environmental Sustainability really means and are also identifying some of the particular areas of Club activities that will involve environmental initiatives.

***** Environmental Sustainability** *is the responsibility to conserve natural resources and protect local and global ecosystems to support health and wellbeing, now and in the future. Or simply, it means, to fulfil our current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to fulfil their needs.*

******* *One of the best guides to help us meet this responsibility, is to make our best efforts to **practice the three R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)** in our decisions and activities. Many members are increasingly practicing the three R's in their personal and family decisions and habits.*

******* *Also, making decisions to switch to greener energy sources, to reduce energy use; and to reduce consumer packaging (plastics in particular), are significant steps toward environmental sustainability.*



**** Some of the areas of activity at PCYC for which we expect to implement GREEN initiatives include Green regattas, Green Boating, Boat Maintenance, Seasonal Boat Preparation and Cleaning, Waste Management, Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance, Green Kitchen Practices, Better Bicycle Racks, Fuel-Spill Equipment, Landscape Management, etc.
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**** Member participation in determining the nature of our GREEN improvements and in their implementation will be the key to the Club's Environmental Sustainability success.*

**** Finally, if you wish to assist with the implementation of our GREEN initiatives, your participation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us to discuss your particular areas of interest.*

Wishing you a healthy, safe, happy and Green boating season,

*John Edwards and Esther MacLeod on behalf of...
your PCYC GREEN Committee*