

# Tideway Owners Association

## Environmental Policy

The Tideway Owners Association (“TOA”) is an association for owners of the Tideway class sailing dinghy. The TOA has no premises, and is run by a Committee of volunteers. The Committee arranges for a number of meetings each year at various sailing clubs and similar venues around the country, and communicates with members via a website and three Newsletters a year.

The TOA is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment. This policy sets out how the TOA (“we”) will work towards achieving its environmental objectives.

1. We will meet the environmental legislation relevant to our activities, and, where possible, identify opportunities to adopt best practice over and above the minimum legislative requirements.
2. We will seek to minimise pollution and adverse environmental impacts of our activities.
3. We will minimise the creation of waste. For example; we will maximise the use of our website and email to communicate with members and within the Committee, with on-line meetings to reduce travel. And we encourage the use of re-cycled paper for our Newsletter.
4. We will promote relevant local environmental information to our members attending meetings, such as locations of sensitive habitats or wildlife.
5. We will continue to encourage members attending meetings to support organisations looking after the local environment, waters and habitat.
6. We will continue to apply a geographical spread of meetings to minimise the need for members to travel long distances.
7. We will encourage members to consider using re-chargeable electric outboard motors rather than fossil fuel.
8. We will continue to support and encourage members to maintain and renovate their Tidedays to pro-long their useful life; to use materials recycled from boats that cannot be restored or from sustainable and environment friendly sources, and re-cycled fittings.
9. We will seek to ensure that, wherever possible, our licenced boatbuilders use timber and other materials from sustainable sources for newbuilds and renovation projects.
10. We will publicise our environmental commitment and promote sustainability amongst our members via our website and Newsletter.
11. We will review this policy annually.

Signed **AD.** Committee Chair

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