



Marine Debris Pick-up Challenge



Competitors, volunteers, friends and family are invited to join us in the **2025 Marine Debris Pick Up Challenge!** Participants will work together in teams to pick up marine debris in an area designated by the Regatta Organizers over the course of an hour. The winner will be the team who picks up the most marine debris, measured by weight.

Materials Needed

- Yeti Buckets
- Gloves
- Trash bags
- Fish Scale for weighing
- Picker-Uppers
- Decomposition Cards
- Prizes!



Participants will develop awareness of the significance of marine debris in our waters and its sources. We hope sailors will gain an appreciation for the role they play as stewards of our marine environment and protecting the health and safety of aquatic life.

US Sailing's Tips for a successful Marine Debris Pick Up Challenge!

- 1 Choose and clearly display a **start time** and **meeting place** on the Official Notice Board.
- 2 Divide participants into **teams of 5 or 10** – ideally of similar size!
- 3 Distribute materials, making sure each team has plenty of **gloves**, **trash bags**, and any other necessary supplies.
- 4 Prepare your **'Weigh Station'** while teams are out picking up marine debris and weigh their bags when they all get back.
- 5 Take a **photo** of each team and record the **weight** of their marine debris using the scale!
- 6 Complete your **Marine Debris Pick-Up Challenge Impact Report!**



Set up the **Reach Decomposition Activity!**
On page 81 in your Reach Educator Book.



Use the **Clean Regatta Toolkit** to run a low impact event!



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