



New Zealand International Optimist Dinghy Association (NZIODA)

Environmental Policy Statement

NZIODA recognises that the protection of the environment is an integral part of our association and the wider community and is a prime responsibility of all those involved in optimist sailing.

Our members enjoy the experience of sailing in a clean environment and we want to ensure that they continue to be able to do so. NZIODA believe that environmental damage is avoidable so will do everything that is reasonably practicable to prevent it.

NZIODA will comply with applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution, identify and minimise risks to the environment posed by our operations and ensure continuous improvement of our performance.

In order to manage and improve our environmental performance NZIODA will:

Control our own impacts

- Include environmental and ethical considerations in purchasing decisions wherever practicable
- Follow the Waste Hierarchy: reducing, re-using and recycling our waste where reasonably practicable

Manage the impact of events and activities that we organise

- Ensure effective working practices are in place to reduce the risk of pollution and control risks from environmental hazards during events organised by NZIODA

Influence others

- Engage with and communicate the importance of environmental good practice to our members and other stakeholders and support them where practicable in improving their own environmental performance.

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