

COVID-19 Update

Friends,

It is my sincere hope that everyone is safe and well. We are all challenged by the physical and psychological demands of our “new normal”. This crisis also places significant financial strains on individuals and entities, including our membership and clubs.

I want you to know that the BBYRA Officers, Past Commodores and Club Commodores are keeping an eye on developments and working together to share information and ideas. The Executive Committee and Delegates have approved the Schedule and Sailing Instruction documents for the 2020 season. They will be posted by May 15 as always. We will not print the Yearbook this year, but it will be posted on the website in June. The award flags order will not be placed until we identify an initial allowable race week. We are prepared to place it if we get the opportunity. The plan is in place.

An old friend of mine, a USN Commander, always told me that a plan provides a set of actions that you will deviate from. That may be truer today than in any other year I can remember because the situation is so fluid.

The Executive Committee, which includes all Club Commodores, is scheduled to hold on-line meetings every 2 weeks to discuss changing conditions and restrictions. In the coming weeks we will also solicit input from the Fleet Liaisons to develop contingency plans in case there is an opportunity for an abbreviated season.

Our first responsibility will always be to protect the health and safety of our sailors, Regatta Committee members and their families.

I will continue to send updates as we learn more or the situation changes. We all need to work together to end this crisis, which shouldn't be so hard since we already work so well together. In the meantime, stay safe and be well.

Regards,

Mark Masur
BBYRA Commodore