



COVID-19 Update

13 May 2020

Dear Executive Committee,

Our meeting this past Saturday with Assemblyman Ned Thomson was very productive as we reached a critical decision point in planning for the 2020 Championship Series. We can all be very thankful for his ongoing updates pertaining to how the crisis is currently viewed at the state level and what reasonable projections can be made for the easing of restrictions. The current pandemic crisis is a moving target that unfortunately has been pushing out projections for phased reopening.

The current state executive order was extended to the first week of June at which time the gating criteria for entering Phase 1 is expected to commence. Therefore Phase 1 can not be anticipated before the 3rd week of June.

The key phase to allow easing of restrictions for our clubs is Phase 2. It is only when we reach Phase 2 that summer camps, such as Jr Sailing, can operate, but with restrictions. That would probably not occur until mid-July at the earliest. This puts tremendous pressure on clubs in deciding how to proceed with their Jr Sailing programs. I hope that expectations improve at our next update.

Since May 15 is the posting deadline for the BBYRA Championship Series NOR and SI documents, VC Allan Terhune was very busy with the other officers and PC Ed Vienckowski, over the past 6 weeks, putting together proposed changes to the Championship Series. A special meeting of the Class Liaisons last week was held to garner support for the changes and offer fleet schedule options. We have considered the changes as our best shot at achieving a respectable Championship Series. These documents were presented to Executive Committee portion of the meeting this past Saturday. With only one club absent, the proposed document changes were unanimously approved. Those documents are attached to this email.

I would like to summarize some of the key changes here:

- 1) A 5-week season beginning August 8.
- 2) All fleets, except E scows, have requested 2 races each day.
- 3) E scows have chosen to race all 5 weeks, 3 races per day.
- 4) There is no host club or on-water registration. All on-line.
- 5) On-line registration will commence on or before June 30.
- 6) Host clubs ARE NOT anticipated to be launch points for the Race Committee.
- 7) Host clubs are not expected to have any type of post-race social event.
- 8) Host club support for patrol boats is still expected.
- 9) Other clubs in the race area are requested to provide support boats.
- 10) Host clubs of cancelled weeks are partnered with hosts of the remaining weeks.
- 11) The installation of all barrels by late July is important to conducting races.

There are many other minor effects to the approved changes and all clubs should coordinate with VC Allan Terhune.

A poster from the NJSP outlining proper social distancing while boating is included in the attachments.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for your patience and support of the race document changes. I look forward to our next informational session on May 23. Until then, continue to stay safe and be well.

Regards,

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