



COVID-19 Update

14 May 2020

Friends,

It is my sincere hope that everyone is still safe and well. I hope that my message today gives some hope to everyone. If you're a "the glass is half full" kind of person the news is hopeful.

Every two weeks, the Executive Committee, which includes all Club Commodores, has been holding on-line meetings to discuss changing conditions and restrictions. State Assemblyman Ned Thompson has generously offered his time and given us perspective on the current restrictions and where the state is likely headed. The data always gives indications for the path forward.

Over the past 6 weeks VC Allan Terhune has worked very hard with his team to consider alternative plans for the Championship Series. Last week RC Russ Lucas hosted a special Liaison Meeting, that included the Officers and Ned Thomson, to discuss the realities facing the BBYRA and the desire of everyone to get out and sail! The reality is, the state restrictions that effect our ability to conduct races is likely to last until at least late July. Therefore, the Liaisons accepted a proposal to delay the Championship Series until August 8 and run 5 weeks. All the fleets requested and were granted 2 races per week, every week, including the SPYC finale. The new schedule, while half the original, has a full set of starts every week to minimize the number of lost races. This revised plan was presented to the Executive Committee on Saturday and was approved without dissent.

The revised NOR and SIs have been posted at:

www.bbyra.org

Registration opens June 30, 2020

Everyone should consult the posted documents for official details, but I would like to summarize some of the changes here:

- 1) 5-week series beginning August 8.
- 2) All registrations on-line or by mail only. There will be no Late Entry boat.
- 3) Registration to start by June 30.
- 4) No SIs/Course Sheets available at club or on-water. Print from website postings.
- 5) All BBYRA Race Committee Postings/announcements will be on-line only
- 6) No signals ashore at host club
- 7) Host club post-race events not anticipated.
- 8) Awards are likely to be presented post-season.

Junior Sailors, single handed or with all junior crews, will be able to register with NO FEE. The Sailing Foundation of Barnegat Bay (SFBB) has generously offered to pay junior registrations this year (follow registration instructions).

There will be a number of changes to internal Regatta Committee and Host Club Information documents that will be posted and distributed by VC Allan Terhune in the coming weeks. The restrictions we face require flexibility in the execution of the approved plan.

For those of you interested in a poster version of the current NJSP guidance on boat usage it can be found at the bottom of this message.

The Executive Committee will continue to hold biweekly information sessions to discuss the changing path to phased reopening of New Jersey and keep abreast of the implications of state executive orders.

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. I hope that this message leaves you eagerly looking forward to the upcoming Championship Series.

The glass is half full. Please stay safe and be well.

Regards,

Mark Masur
BBYRA Commodore

SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE BOATING

Only boat with those in your
FAMILY OR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD



MAINTAIN A SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCE AT YOUR BOAT DOCK, BOAT RAMPS, & FUEL DOCKS. AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY CONTACT WITH OTHERS.



DON'T RAFT UP TO OTHER BOATERS, KEEP A 50 FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCE WHILE UNDERWAY, ANCHORING OR MOORING.



AFTER TOUCHING A MARINA GATE, BOAT LINES, OR FUEL PUMP IN A COMMON AREA, WASH YOUR HANDS OR USE A HAND SANITIZER TO DISINFECT THEM.



PACK FOOD, WATER AND OTHER THINGS YOU MAY NEED AS RESTAURANTS AND MARINA STORES MAY NOT BE OPEN.



DON'T GO BOATING IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SICK.

New Jersey boatyards and marinas are open for personal use, restaurants at those locations can serve only takeout and delivery.

GO RIGHT FROM YOUR HOUSE TO THE BOAT AND BACK



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NJSP.ORG/MARINE-SERVICES

