

# Wickford Yacht Club



## COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR 2020 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING SERIES Dog Days Series July 08 – August 19

This document provides guidelines for WYC members and their guests participating in the 2020 WYC Wednesday Night Racing series. These guidelines identify the actions and behaviors necessary to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19. WYC prioritizes the health and safety of club members and their guests above all else. Through adherence to these guidelines, we believe we will be able to safely conduct racing activities within the current framework of restrictions imposed by the State of Rhode Island and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). These guidelines are in addition to other COVID-19 related requirements that are in effect for the general operation of the WYC and shall not be interpreted to supersede such requirements.

**While these requirements and recommendations are designed to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus it is important to note that the risk for transmission of infection remains. The WYC Board of Governors encourages everyone to thoroughly evaluate the risk of COVID-19 infection as it pertains to each person's circumstance. Ultimately, the decision to participate in the Wednesday Night Racing series rests with the yacht Captain and crew.**

The WYC Wednesday Night Racing series is attended by two groups:

- Participants, and
- Race Committee (RC) Volunteers.

### General Requirements:

- Participants and RC Volunteers will follow the most current State of Rhode Island requirements on the wearing of gloves, face masks, and social distancing.
- Participants and Race Volunteers must always have a face mask with them while on WYC property and use their face mask when in close proximity to any other participants and RC volunteers.

### Limitations on Crew Size:

- It is the responsibility of the vessel's captain to ensure that the State of Rhode Island COVID-19 restrictions imposed on recreational boating are followed. Race boats are encouraged to keep the number of participants to as low as possible. The fewer on board, the better.
- Crew assignments of family members are preferred over others that contain people that are not part of the normal group setting.

#### Committee Boat:

- It is the responsibility of the Committee Boat's captain to ensure that the State of Rhode Island COVID-19 restrictions imposed on recreational boating are followed. The Committee Boat is encouraged to keep the number of race volunteers as low as possible. The fewer on board, the better.
- Assignments of family members are preferred over others that contain people that are not part of the normal group setting.

#### Mark Boats:

- Mark Boats shall have two RC volunteers on board. One RC volunteer to serve as the helmsman and the other to assist with race functions. The two-man-rule will remain in effect. In no circumstance shall a Mark Boat be single-handed.
- Pairing of family members on Mark Boats is preferable to pairings that contain people that are not part of the normal group setting.
- Mark Boat #1 will serve to set and adjust the pin at the start/finish line.
- Mark Boat #2 will standby to assist any boat in need or distress and set marks if required.

#### Pre-Race Preparations:

- The dock area presents one of the more significant challenges in minimizing the potential for the spread of COVID-19 through personnel interaction. Boat preparation and crew assembly typically is concentrated in the dock area just before the boats set out for the starting line.
- Pre-Race preparations shall be conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 requirements that are in effect for the general operation of the WYC.
- To minimize personnel interaction, every effort should be made by participants to ferry their crew and gear directly to their boat on its mooring thus avoiding any pre-race congestion in the dock area.
- Participants are encouraged to plan ahead and where possible, arrive early or pre-stage their boat at a time which avoids contact with other boats and crews.
- Six-foot distancing must be strictly adhered to on the docks.

#### Post-Race Dinner:

- Post-Race dinners shall be conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 requirements that are in effect for the general operation of the WYC.
- Crews should remain together and sit at tables 8 feet apart and everyone must remain outside.
- If congregating with other participants and RC volunteers following a race masks and social distancing is required.