

Re-starting Sailing - Open Chat and Exchange
Zoom Meeting
Conducted by Luiz Kahl
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Luis-I'm hosting this open discussion to talk about getting sailing back together. Have been getting many cancellations. Requests for how to we get sailing back. This is an open forum.

Doc from Rochester. In New York we're doing family unit, PHRF Jib and Main only, setting a couple marks, triangular course, no socializing afterwards, BYO refreshments or club driver on a bar-cart, until things open a little more. Ideal 18s, 2 crew, mostly household, minimal R/C, people vary about wearing masks.

Dawn from Rochester, had on buffs when near each other in the Ideal 18s, social distancing went well, lawn chairs out of vehicles, refreshments out of coolers, seemed to have gone well and respectful. Easily accommodated family.

Debi, at Rochester, did you allow 2 people not same household to race together.

Dawn, we are not police, as all sailing, at your own risk, up to having close social circle in same boat, knowing how living last few months, for safety.

Debi-Michigan has not changed on the water rules. Household only on a boat or 1 or 2. Club feels need to uphold the rules. Some people don't care, some don't have a household, want to change scoring system.

Scot-Fleet is sailing in "un" club sponsored activities. Practicing. Renting equipment from club, paying independently, when clarity, will go back to club to avoid club losing liquor license, etc.

Luiz-When is club responsible for knowing that same household is aboard a boat? Does a club have to limit what boat owners do?

Doc-We're not using club race committee. Takes employees out of it. Liability off the club.

Luiz-Our club not in that issue, all volunteers.

Kingston Yacht Club—Provincial guidelines and seeking to stay in alignment with government and eventually get boats launched, then minimal crews, hoping to build to full crews before end of season.

Brett-What about waivers? Are clubs using?

Andy-Wayzata—Currently household units or people not household unit observing 6 feet social distance. Haven't gotten to racing yet, have prohibition of racing activities on lake, sheriff's office issues racing permits, have to develop plan for social distancing to be approved by sheriff. First will open docks to family unit, then to crew with plan to social distance, have created a usage agreement that incorporates on and off the water personal conduct, required to be signed if we can get to two handed racing. Hopefully in 2-4 weeks.

Luiz-US Sailing has released a couple documents for waivers.

Debi-Gowrie insurance has some waiver documents, too.

Luiz—Check with your Judge Advocate.

Larry-When Gov. Whitmer allowed 10 or less to be together, we didn't see any reason to not have racing, as long as crew is 10 or less. Think we can do it responsibly. We've drafted a document that showed we can move forward responsibly.

Debi-Government did not change the on the water rules, still 2 people or less per boat.

Sam-Muskegon, will still need 6 feet apart for mixed households on same boat.

Debi-Hoping the state updates the rules to affect sailing positively.

Dawn-We have stated similar things, but who is policing it? We're not. It seems that you're safer if you're outside.

Debi-All these rules, sailors wanted to write all kinds of stuff into Sailing Instructions, prefer to have statement to simply meet Michigan Executive Orders at this time. Don't specify. In case of protest for that rule, penalty would be at the discretion of the Jury.

Bill-Annapolis, we are allowed to race, not necessarily having family units, stayed away from putting into NOR or SI's, if start getting protests over that, too difficult to have heard and assess penalty.

Doc—This (SARS-CoV-2 pandemic issue) is way too broad to be able to litigate anything.

Bill-Annapolis club Wednesday night racing is going to start this Wednesday, J/World going forward with Thursday night racing.

Debi-We're in north of Michigan, getting club ready, some of these restrictions are hard to accommodate since we are not required to wear a mask recreating.

Gail Turluck-Gull Lake Sailing Club (Michigan) is going forward with Wednesday evening series starting June 3 in Sunfish and any other Classes that come join in.

Debi-VC in charge is a law professor and is trying to engineer that race documents have every nth degree and requirement identified. It has frozen our sailing moving forward.

Sam-At Muskegon they must social distance, more for the appearance sake, that this is a yacht club race, neighbors keep tight eye, races not for any trophies or anything, but if blow back from police, sheriff, etc., they can look at our sailing documents, we have procedures in place and they should follow. Fingers crossed no issues beyond that. Have referenced State Orders and observe social distancing if not same household in race documents.

Gail Thompson – Gull Lake Country Club, looking at CDC rules, once on water and underway, who you choose to have on your boat, decide if have mask on or off, on shore, masks on. Membership is older. Don't want to lose members and don't want to wonder if we contributed to that. Will have sanitation supplies on shore.

Diane DeVries---Holland, We are racing tomorrow night. You pick who is on your boat. My son is a lawyer and he said he'd defend me. We want people to wear masks. Once on Lake Michigan can have masks off. Likely to have a discussion afterwards, but not a social on shore after racing.

Mike-Wayzata-looking at one class, Jib and Main, to limit number of people on boats.

Andy-Wayzata, have another station in Bayfield, Wisconsin—just deciding whether or not Race Week can occur. Three questions: Does town want us there? Can we do it in a way that is socially safe? What is my constituency in Wayzata think of racing up there? Possible restriction of 1 crew person per 12 feet of waterline. JAM only. Restriction on gatherings—have staggered starts—start line here, finish by X o'clock, take your own times. Tiny R/C needs. Stretch out activity to keep people further apart.

Debi-Big regatta at end of July at Little Traverse, we're waiting to see if Mackinac races go forward.

330-Put-in-Bay – (his service was weak, couldn't make out comment.)

Janet-Toronto, haven't launched yet, June 6, shortened season. Longer distance races. Anyone looking at virtual marks?

Luiz-Bayview is for PH-Mac, with YellowBrick looking at satellite monitored roundings and finishes. They can set up geofences and pings are sent when point reached. When boat closes on point, automatic more frequent ping is triggered.

Brett-Sandusky Sailing Club, we have lake and the bay, seawall provides easy start finish point. Using family members for crew, unofficial, we're gonna gather on Wednesday off the seawall. Interest is more in getting out there to go have some fun. If it's a weird year and fewer trophies, so what. Let's live to another year.

Tom-Buffalo-doublehanded non-household, stay socially distant. R/C feels enough room on the boat. They want to keep their older people as they feel safer as younger people more socially active and exposed, don't want to mix. Going with 3 races for first series. JAM or Spinnaker. Up to 30' 3 on board, up to 35' 4 on board, 40' and up 5 on board.

Adam-casual fun race off NYC dock, single, double, family. Getting people out on the water having fun.

Gail-The Chicago area Vanguard 15s doing 3 Saturdays on Lake Maxinkuckee, Culver, IN, through Sail22, 8 boats first week, 15 second week, final week on 5/30. Zoom discussion Tuesday nights after. Going very well. Social distancing rules, special cleaning, BYO everything, etc.

Janet-Toronto, boats concentrating on getting launched. Have % of people who don't want to launch, new wrinkle for us. Regattas canceled through mid-July. On LYRA Board, seeking to incorporate social distancing, no party, Centennial Cups, doing differently.

Luiz-What about crossing US/Canadian border?

Janet-14 day quarantine if go from one country to the other.

Tom-Canadian customs guy wrote an opinion that if don't anchor in Canada, you can sail in and out, can share the Great Lakes water.

Adam-Agents were taking serial numbers, etc., so contact was made to see whether there is an issue if Americans stay in American, Canadians stay in Canadian waters.

Janet-J/Fest pushed into September. Staying 45 days out. R/CYC on the island, no ferries running yet. Have started working on their boats.

Paul-EYC will have large # boats, PYC a fewer, EYC 8M for sure a no.

Anne-Port Credit YC, starting to launch 6/9. Lake Ontario 300 is canceled. Big boat regatta is canceled. 300 Youth event canceled. Don't have fixed marks. CORK youth event on standby. Social distancing rules are tighter. 5 people, preferably same household. A lot of moving parts.

Paul-Laser Canadians canceled, doublehanded canceled.

Monica, LOOR-has not canceled doublehanded race. September race still on. May not be difficult to run.

Dennis-ILYA, regatta end of July, it's still going forward, no tent or social after racing. Our approach is don't ask too many questions, as for forgiveness later.

Diane-Holland, Anchorage Cup, run races, ask forgiveness if needed.

Dennis-ILYA-Put-in-Bay Junior Bay Week event is canceled, 4 Juniors in a hotel room is inappropriate.

Mike-Chicago-Chicago has some different circumstances. Mayor Lori Lightfoot has not opened the harbors. Soonest it appears maybe June 15, maybe not until July 1 or later. Shipyards in Cook County warned if boat launched and goes to a Chicago harbor, threat of permit loss. Chicago Harbors launching some boats, taking to mooring and tying up, but owners can't use. Racine, North Point, Waukegan, Hammond are rapidly filling up with Chicago boats. Next CASRA board meeting is June 1. Events through June 20 canceled. Expect further cancellations at 6/1 meeting, likely through July 17. Depends on what CYC does with Mackinac Race. Likely racing will be singlehanded, doublehanded, pursuit starts, JAM racing. Port to port racing likely out for year but leaving decision on that for July board meeting.

Luiz-Every state has different rules.

Mike-Mayor "Lockdown Lori" Lightfoot, shut down lakefront when governor first had rules put into place, first nice day people jammed the parks, not socially distancing, and so she shut down the parks.

Larry-A few open slips in Muskegon.

Gail-Milwaukee-South Shore Yacht Club more damage end of April, no boats docking 2020. While Queen's Cup is in delayed status, further decision pending. Kaszube Cup/LMSRF Youth Championship there also pending. M&M Yacht Club in Menominee is starting to launch boats and figuring out how to handle single/double handed JAM racing.

Luiz-We will do this again in the first week of June.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail M. Turluck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gail M. Turluck