

**YACHT SCORING DISCUSSION  
CORONAVIRUS-19  
EXCHANGE IDEAS  
YACHT CLUB EAST COAST  
MAY 26, 2020**

- Every club had a different ideas, and solutions to the problem of opening up sailing
- Suffolk County Marine going to patrol LI Sound and pull people over and investigate boats with more than 5 passengers.
- Almost everyone seems to be a deer in headlights with no one knowing what will happen next.
- Objective for now;
  - Follow state safety guidelines
- It's a day-to-day ordeal, changing often and quickly
- One club is a paper club and the starting line occurs in three states, each with different guidelines what one can or cannot do. Very puzzling to the competitors and race managers.
- Many clubs moved beer-can racing to a later month hoping guidelines are lifted, and virus cases are reduced.
- Many beer-can racing has decided on non-spinnaker to keep crew to a minimum
- Other clubs race only with family members or sailors living together
- Doublehanded is being encouraged, as is single handed
- Consensus seems to think face masked are a given
- Launch service seating is restricted, and inconvenient to keep everyone safe
- Number of launches are limited at some clubs
- RC being limited to a few good people rather than several.
  - Concerned about RC over 65 yrs.' old and susceptible to getting virus
- WLIS 'pick-up' sailors distance racing starts are pursuit starts and double-handed
  - 18-25 entries
  - 10-30 mi distance
  - Using Gov't marks
  - Two person RC
  - No prizes
  - No entrance fee
  - No after party
  - Donation for essential workers in area
- Impromptu discussions such as the Yacht Scoring, assists clubs by bringing intel back to the flags and Board for serious decision making
- Most pre and after party/entertainment has been eliminated
- Non-members of clubs running races/regatta must meet at the starting line and come by water, rather than through the host club property.
- Jr. Race Weeks (LYC) juniors anticipate arriving at starting circle towed by instructors, members, or family.

- With members of club living in NYC, many clubs are reluctant to have them on 'campuses due to heavy outbreak in NYC.
- Some Jr. programs postponing until middle of July anticipating health issues will get better and be more susceptible to be in multi-person boats
- Parents are reluctant to have children (all ages) on boat with multi sailors
- LYC started racing in Vanguard 15 with families and kin in a two person boat.
- Next weekend LYC will try again with Lasers, Ideals, Vanguards 15's
- Several club on WLIS postponing major races until Sept./Oct
- One club intent running 200mi race with crews as if normal times
  - No award ceremonies.
  - Prizes mailed to winners
  - No after party
- Clubs are rewriting NOR's and SI's with disclaimer and waivers.
  - Some on the discussion panel didn't think they would be valid
  - Several clubs have developed an Infectious Disease team consisting of Drs & nurses for guidance and direction and Intel for Board and yachting committees to make decisions.
- Some clubs permit racing singlehanded in 20-28 ft boat
- Serious question: "How much control does a club have over members"
  - Some seem to think it falls on the skipper/owner
- Great South Bay Assoc.
  - How much control do we have over crew
  - Encourages everyone to use common sense
- Should obey the rules a club sets for the competitors
- Bristol YC to start Wed. Nite racing first Wed.in June.
- Some clubs might not run their storied events. Up to gov't guidelines, safety, and general health of the populated area of influence.
- Most on panel seem to think they will have some sort of racing;
  - How much?
  - To be determined

#### What was discussed most?

- Safety
- Most prefer Dble-Handed, or singlehanded racing, unless crew is kin or live together
- Waivers are complicated to interpret and not hold up in court
- Observing state gov't guideline and rules of conduct were essential
- No after party if club runs an event
- Limited RC
- Complications of launch service and transportation
  - Seating

- **Distancing**
- **Limited launches**
- **Wipe down of frequent touched areas**
- **No one answer to the problem**

**Net result;**

- **Take baby steps with safety top-most objective.**