



AYC Regatta Restart Plan

Collectively, the Race Committee, Sailing Committee and staff have been discussing for weeks regarding how we will be able to resume racing activity when the opportunity becomes available. On Friday, May 15, 2020 further definition from the State of Maryland was issued that directly pertains to our mission and which now permits sailboat racing albeit with certain regulations and limitations. This further definition was released sooner than expected. AYC is rapidly adjusting plans and policies to remain aligned with Gov. Hogan's directives while quickly restoring our racing activity in a safe and responsible manner. Above all, these activities will progress only when we are able to conform to government regulation while minimizing risk for AYC members, race committee volunteers, staff and competitors.

There are three components which must be addressed and adhered to in order to allow this progression:

1. **AYC Waterfront.** Our waterfront facility is managed and operated by staff. All operations including launching, dockage, hauling, use of piers and buildings, and social gatherings are directed by staff and strict adherence to our existing rules must be maintained in order to continue operations.
2. **Race Management.** The AYC Race Committee is ready to provide our on-the-water services while taking every precaution to begin their operations safely and responsibly. Our restart plan will include the use of masks when appropriate, social distancing, minimizing the number of personnel on each race committee boat, the utilization of quarantined family units whenever feasible, and simplification of our on-the-water race management procedures.
3. **Competitors.** The criteria for competing in AYC's events under the current circumstances are being drafted and will be included in our Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. These requirements are expected to evolve and change in the weeks ahead as our racing activity resumes and everyone's level of comfort increases. These criteria may include owner's responsibilities, personal protective requirements and distancing regulations.

Each of these three areas of operations must be addressed to if we are to continue with the return to "normal" regatta operations. Assuming compliance to the above operations outline, AYC now plans to begin our racing activity as outlined below:

WNR on-the-water operations will be modified to include Audible Signals only (Appendix U) without signal flags. Class participation will be staggered each week to limit the impact on the AYC Sailing Center and docks in order to ensure social distancing and personal safety of the staff, volunteers, and competitors.

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AYC weekend racing will resume as currently scheduled but with similar modified on-the-water procedural changes as detailed above. The Sailing Committee will also work with specific fleets that might be interested in creating new and previously unscheduled competition opportunities on a case by case basis.

Over the next few weeks, as we observe and learn, further plans and refinements will be made and communicated as deemed necessary to ensure everyone's safety and to provide the best possible racing. Please make every effort to sail in a safe and responsible manner. We hope you will join us on the water soon.

Sincerely,

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