



COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection Plan (SPP) for CYC Regatta Management (V1.3 7.7.20)

The Corinthian Yacht Club have developed this Site-Specific Protection Plan in accordance with the directives issued by the Marin County Health Officer incorporating the Best Practice guidelines for the Parks and Open Spaces, Boat Launches, Restaurants and the Outdoor Recreation Activity Business Guidelines included in the respective Public Health Orders.

Organization: Corinthian Yacht Club Race Council – 43 Main St, Tiburon

Responsible Officer: Marcus Canestra, Race Council Chair

SPP Overview

Sailing is considered an open space activity where participants are outdoors and exposed to the elements in a salt-water environment. A Yacht, in many ways, is similar to other modes of group transport such as public transport or air travel. It creates an inherent safe-space for passengers, provided there is adequate vessel preparation and crew health-screening prior to departure. Recreational Sailing is distinguished from commercial business activity as it is not open to the general public, but available to people already socially connected who have elected to sail together, similar to the attributes of outdoor restaurant dining.

Yacht racing is an organized activity governed by a comprehensive set of rules, referred to as the Racing Rules of Sailing which include requirements such as safe practices, fair conduct and sportsmanship. Individual boats are significantly separated from each other such that there is a finite number of people who can enter a vessels' safe-space "environment". In accordance with Outdoor Recreational and Restaurant business health guidelines, crews will be limited to 10 unless otherwise determined by Marin County, however, a Skipper will need to be able to demonstrate their ability to maintain safe distance practices.

There are two principal factors to be addressed in this SPP.

- Race Management and the Race Deck "work-space"; and
- Sailing vessel and crew participation.

General Procedures and Practices for Race Committee and Race Participants

All Participants:

- Exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 are directed to stay home and not participate in this or any related activity that may risk the exposure of other Participants.
- Are required to provide their own personal protective equipment and to carry a face covering with them at all times.
- Should continue to maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet from someone outside of a person's household or social bubble and wear a face covering when it is impossible to maintain more than 6 feet of distance from people who they do not live with.

Race Management and the Race Deck “work-space”

All race management will be conducted from the Race Deck of the CYC Clubhouse. The upper race deck will be segregated, and only authorized volunteers are permitted to enter this space during race activities. The Flag Mast area will have a safe distance barricade erected prior to racing.

The Principal Race Officer is responsible for ensuring to maintain the Contact Log of Race Committee Volunteers and a register of each vessel entered in the regatta.

The Principal Race Officer, in conjunction with CYC Club Management are required to:

- Establish a safe working area on the Race Deck and at the Flag Mast area such that each Volunteer can maintain a safe distance of 6 feet from other members while undertaking race duties by the positioning of tables, chairs and other work areas.
- Wipe down or otherwise sanitize all working surfaces and equipment that Volunteers are required to touch that are provided by CYC.
- Make gloves available to Volunteers so that a sanitary work surface can be maintained.
- Provide hand sanitizer or other wash facilities to Volunteers.
- Encourage Race Committee Volunteers to bring as much of their own equipment as possible, this includes food, beverages and drink bottles.
- Train mark-set Volunteers to wear gloves at all times while handling, setting and retrieving marks. No more than two volunteers are permitted on the mark-set boat so that a safe distance can be maintained.

Sailing Vessel and Crew Participation

A Skipper is the person in-charge of a boat during an event. Skippers are responsible for their vessel and crew's compliance with the COVID-19 directives issued by the Marin County Health Officer and other relevant authorities at the time of each event.

A boat shall

- (a) be crewed entirely by a single household or social bubble and shall fly a yellow flag from the backstay no smaller than 12" x 14" or
- (b) ensure the crew remain masked at all times and shall make reasonable efforts to maintain a physical distance from one another.

A boat observed in violation of (a) or (b) may, at the discretion of the organizers

- (a) be warned
- (b) receive a scoring penalty of 10% of the places in their division, rounded up
- (c) Be scored DNF without a hearing
- (d) Be excluded from further races in the regatta

Skippers shall:

- Prepare a yacht deck plan that accommodates a reasonably safe distance for crew members. This plan, upon request, shall be available for inspection by the authorities noted above.
- Limit the number of crew such that a safe distance can be maintained.
- Prepare a yacht so that all contact surfaces have been washed with soap and water or sanitized in some other manner. Where surfaces cannot be adequately sanitized due to vessel safety or mechanical considerations, all crew are required to wear gloves to contact those surfaces.
- Ensure crew members maintain safe distancing protocols including face coverings when, on occasion, a 6 ft distance is unavoidable such as during maneuvers.
- Maintain a vessel Crew Contact-Log

Guidelines for CYC Sailing Regattas during COVID-19 constraints

Additional information

1. Racing will be conducted in compliance with the Marin County Health Order and the *COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection Plan (SPP) for CYC Regatta Management* in effect at the time of each event.
2. All Participants shall follow directives and procedures as posted on the CYC website as part of the SPP.
3. Competitors are responsible for following up changes to local directives and regulations which can be found at MarinRecovers.com.
4. Protests: Protest hearings will be held by a video conference forum at a time agreed by the protest participants.
5. Post race events including trophy presentations and other on-shore activities are not being held until further notice. Other CYC services may be available to participants at the discretion and direction of CYC Management.