

Attachment A: Return to Racing in accordance with CDC Guidelines

Safety of all participants at LTYC events is of utmost importance. The guidelines below minimize risk to individuals by using social distancing and by eliminating any meetings at the event site. Individual members should evaluate both their own risk and the risk they pose to other participants, taking into account the Governor's executive orders, guidance from NCDHHS and the CDC.

LTYC Sailing Racing events are structured to comply with and adopt, implement, and safely enforce the established CDC guidelines and all related federal, state, and local laws, mandates, executive orders and "return to sailing" best practices.

This guideline compliance document summarizes only the changes that are in place for the organized racing events. Please also read the Sailing Instructions to familiarize yourself with the details and usual protocols.

1. Actions and Procedures for Participants

Waiver & Registration

All Participants, including club members, are required to place a Y in the box to sign the LTYC Waiver on line during registration before they can participate in an organized club event.

Registration of boat, skipper and crew is through the LTYC on line scratch sheet. Please update the scratch sheet by 9AM the day of the Saturday races so the PRO can plan accordingly. The PRO prints a copy of the scratch sheet and submits it to the Marina office for participation tracking.

Additional Items to Bring

Things to consider bringing along in addition to your sailing gear: masks, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, personal drink bottles. Please bring a VHF radio (Channel 71) and make note of the PRO's phone number for distanced communication.

On Shore

Participants are advised that 6 feet of social distancing is in effect for all events. Neck Gaiters/Bufs/Masks are worn by all participants when social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as exiting restrooms, or on the docks.

Leave space between boat trailers to allow 6 feet of social distancing during rigging and derigging.

Once your boat is launched, please sail away from the dock as quickly as possible, to clear the dock for other boats. Only four boats are allowed on the dock at a time. When returning to shore, do not dock until less than 4 boats are on the dock.

Competitors' Meeting

There will be no on-site competitors' meeting. The PRO emails registered participants and members event confirmation along with any changes to the SIs and additional instructions by 8pm Friday before Saturday's races. Watch the website for SI Updates.

On the Water

Races will proceed according to the SIs (with any changes announced by the PRO). PROs are encouraged to use Rule 26 start sequence (standard 5 minute sequence with flags); however, the PRO may use Appendix U of RRS (3 minute sound system). The numeral pennant 3 is displayed when Appendix U will be used. If the PRO wants separate starts under Appendix U, the appropriate class flags will be displayed before the warning signal. Please note that flags will not necessarily be lowered at the start. If no class flags are displayed, there is only one start for all boats under Appendix U.

Sailors are encouraged to settle all rule disputes on the water so protest hearings are infrequent. In the event that a protest is filed, the protest hearing will be held at the Protest Committee Chair's discretion either by Zoom off-site following the event or by a scheduled on-site meeting with more than 6 feet distance between persons. Sailors notify the PRO of a protest by VHF radio (channel 71) or by mobile phone.

After Racing

There will be no social after racing.

2. Race Management

RC Training

All RC members will participate in a What's New Overview. Below are the 2020 topics.

- Outside Help encouraged, Notice to Competitors via email Friday by 8PM, Changes to the SIs, Flag Usage, Necessary Items on each RC boat, 4 Races a Day, Using Appendix U particularly when short staffed, One Turn Penalty, Protest Hearings, Maintain 4 or fewer boats on dock when both leaving and returning.

The PRO's principal responsibility is to run races with reduced RC staff and equipment in a safe and effective manner with minimal contact with competitors and sailing boats. The SIs are updated to simplify race management under COVID-19 compliance operations. The PRO may modify the SIs, but if he or she does so, it is best done by email to the members by 8PM on Friday before the Saturday races. The club encourages all boats to carry a VHF radio (channel 71) or phone to communicate safety information to the PRO. Where class rules do not allow radios, the club is asking fleet captains to waive those limits this year.

Cancelling the Event

Based on adverse weather forecasts, the Saturday races may be cancelled by the PRO prior to the event. The cancellation notice will be in the Friday 8PM email to members. The PRO will exercise his/her best judgement to reduce the risk of increased contact with sailors during capsized assistance.

RC Staffing

Race Committee commitment is not required. Race Committee boats will be staffed by volunteers from the same social bubble. RC will be staffed with 2 people per boat.

3. Safety Officer/Dock Master

The Dockmaster also serves as the event Safety Officer. The main job of the dockmaster is to manage the boats on the launch and dock. Specifically to:

1. Keep sailboats moving down the dock. Only 4 sailboats allowed on the dock at a time, spread out to keep social distancing in mind.
2. When boats are returning to shore, postpone docking until fewer than 4 boats are on the dock.
3. If sailboat owner is not available to move their boat down, the dockmaster has the duty of doing it.
4. Help launch and retrieve boats.
5. Administer the safety plan.

As the Event Safety Officer, the dockmaster advises participants of expected protocols and reports to the LTYC Compliance Representatives any who are not following the protocols. Repeated reports may result in the participant being asked to leave the event.