

HLMYC 2021 Year-End Wrap Up

December 5, 2021

Hello Skippers,

Even though we had a full sailing season this year, I am still reluctant to subject everyone to a packed indoor event like we used to do at the end of the year. Still, I wanted to provide a year-end wrap up and give some thoughts as we look forward to next year.

Again all season, Chuck Drake led the Wednesday sailing activities which are quite popular. It is great that we can offer two organized sailing days per week to those skippers who can make it. This helps everyone see just how viable HLMYC is.

Once again, a hearty thank-you goes out to Denny Hanson for acting as Race Director for the DF65 class this year. The class had 13 participating skippers for 2021 and continues to grow. I also very much enjoyed performing as Race Director for the First Annual DF65 Rocky Mountain Regatta in September.

I'd also like to thank Kent Broadhead for once again conducting the annual Circumnavigate Regatta, this year being the 17th such event! Kent handles the big task of getting the course set up around the entire lake along with the channel and starting area before many of us arrive. He then acts as Race Director for all the different fleets for the entire regatta. Thank you again, Kent!

Bill Sherrell continues to be our webmaster and do an excellent job of it, too. When I happen to look at other club's websites, their lack of timely information always makes me appreciate how attentive Bill is to keeping ours up to date. Job well done, Bill!

With more knowledge of the dispersion of COVID outdoors and most skippers being vaccinated, we were able to conduct our regattas this year in a normal fashion. We only had one regatta canceled out of 24 due to inclement weather (twice!). Among the three fleets, we had 47 skippers compete in 315 races throughout the season. I think these are pretty impressive numbers and reflect on the great spirit of our club.

[\(Webmaster Note: The treasury report from Chuck was included in Don Verhaeghe's Year-End Wrap Up email to club members and will not be included in this website post.\)](#)

Normally we collect a lot of dues at the year-end meeting. Since that is not going to occur in person, please send your 2022 dues to Chuck before the end of the year if possible so we can cover these upcoming expenses. Please send your dues to: Chuck Drake, 4719 Devonshire St., Boulder, CO 80301

As of today, the only nominations received for officers for 2022 are for the same slate as the 2021 officers. So we will continue with the same officers for next year.

The sailing calendar we have been using the last few years seems to be working well. The sailing calendar I am proposing for 2022 is shown below:

HLMYC Regatta Schedule - 2022				
Month	Victoria	Coaching	ODOM	DF65
March		26		
April	2	9 & 30	16	23
May	7		14	21
June	4		11	18
July	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27
September	10 RMR		17 RMR	24 RMR
October	1	8 & 29	15	22
November	5		12	19
Circumnavigate - June 25				

A few notes about the calendar. May 28 is part of Memorial Day weekend and so nothing official is scheduled. We will schedule the Circumnavigate regatta on the last Saturday of June. As usual, we will not schedule anything officially for the July 4th weekend, but since there are 5 Saturdays in July, we can still do the coaching session that month. September is Rocky Mountain Regatta month and since we don't schedule any regattas on Labor Day weekend, we will not have any coaching/practice days during September. Like last year, October also has 5 Saturdays so we have two coaching sessions scheduled. If there are any objections to the calendar, please let me know. Otherwise, I will have Bill post this schedule to our website.

It is unclear at this time if we should try to hold any winter workshops. After the first of the year, we will take stock of how the pandemic is affecting Boulder county and make a decision on the possibility of holding workshops.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the participating skippers for making this season a success. I'd also like to thank all those who helped with buoys, scorekeeping, and acting as Race Directors; it is sincerely appreciated. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and I look forward to seeing all of the great HLMYC members again next year!

See you at the pond,

Don