

## **COVID-19 Sailing Rules for 2021**

COVID-19 is still among us, including variants now. However, many skippers have been getting vaccinated, lessening the risk for those individuals. We still want to be cautious but the improving situation warrants these updated rules for sailing this year:

1) Skippers will be encouraged to maintain 6 feet social distancing from each other while at the lake. Personal chairs will be placed 6 feet apart on the lake shore.

2) Skippers should strive to maintain social distancing of 6 feet while racing. Skippers will be allowed to walk the course once again. At the start of the race and at the marks, please try to spread out or limit your time near anyone else to as short of a period as possible. Since the virus depends upon proximity and time of exposure to spread, these guidelines will help ensure we can limit the spread of the virus, should anyone be asymptomatic.

3) As with last year, even though we are outside, masks or face coverings are required to be worn at all times to help protect everyone.

4) When not racing, please limit gathering in groups unless necessary. Remember to limit time in close proximity.

5) Skippers will continue to follow the standard rules at Harper Lake also, such as no skin contact with the water.

Since the situation with this virus is constantly changing, we will continue to monitor the situation. If conditions somehow get worse again, we will first go back to remaining seated while racing. If that is also deemed too unsafe, we will need to suspend sailing until the situation improves.