



2021 Bay Wind / Sail East COVID-19 Safety Plan, July 13, 2021

1.0 Introduction

Bay Wind / Sail East 2021 is planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 23-25. A training clinic will take place on Friday, with competition occurring on Saturday and Sunday. Sail East, Sail Canada's Eastern Canadian championships will form part of the event. The regatta was postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19.

The purpose of this document is to describe how the restrictions associated with COVID-19 on competitors, support persons, volunteers, and members will be implemented. The event will be run in accordance with public health regulations that may be in effect at the time. Accordingly, many usual regatta procedures and supports for all participants will be moved on-line, wherever possible, or adjusted in other ways to minimize contact between participants, volunteers, and race officials. These include registration and check-in, food service, access to and movement on-site, awards ceremonies, and post-race activities.

Here is a link to the Province of Nova Scotia's Covid plans and guidelines <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>. Sailing-specific guidelines, developed by Sail Canada and Sail Nova Scotia, can be found here <https://www.sailnovascotia.ca/other-documents/399-return-to-sailing-competition-and-training/file.html>.

Efforts to implement COVID-19 restrictions at Bay Wind /Sail East 2021 have been organized into the following 12 categories:

1. **General** – Measures applicable to all aspects of the event.
2. **Communications** – Communications with competitors, support persons, and volunteers.
3. **Onshore Logistics** – Management of the areas on and around the club property, as well as the distribution of equipment for support boats.
4. **Waterfront** – Management of the club docks and mooring field.
5. **Registration** – Processes for registering competitors and support persons.
6. **Scoring** – Recording, verifying, and posting race results.
7. **Volunteer Check-in** – Greeting, logging, and assigning volunteers.
8. **Competitors' Food** – Provision of food for competitors.
9. **Support Boats** – Safeguarding volunteers aboard race committee, safety, mark, and jury boats.
10. **Competitor Boat Launch/Haul** – Handling of competitors' boats at the start and end of each day.
11. **Protests** – Receiving and adjudicating protests.
12. **Awards Ceremony** – Announcing the regatta results and distributing prizes.

The planning measures applicable to each category are described below.

2.0 General

This section outlines plans that are applicable to all aspects of the event.

- Failure to comply with the regatta COVID-19 measures may result in an immediate ejection from the SMSC grounds for the remainder of the event. Such ejection would neither be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a) nor grounds for refund of fees.
- Competitors, support persons, volunteers, and members are asked to stay home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has or had the virus in the previous 14 days.
- All racing documents, notices, registrations, and results will be posted and distributed on-line <http://smc.ca/bay-wind-regatta#Official%20Documents>. No hard copies will be posted at the club.
- Mask wearing at all times will be reinforced on the SMSC property, both indoors and outdoors. All competitors and support persons are responsible for having their own mask. Additional masks will be available in case a mask is lost or becomes unusable.
- Masks should fit snugly to the cheeks and fully cover the nose and mouth (there shouldn't be any gaps). Buffs will not be permitted as a mask.
- Physical distancing (2 metres) will be "enforced" on the SMSC property.
- Competitors, support persons, and volunteers will be asked not to share personal water bottles, food, gear, tools, equipment, sunscreen, towels, PFDs, etc.

3.0 Communications

This section describes mitigation plans specific to communications with competitors, support persons, and volunteers before, during and after the event.

- The Notice of Race (NOR) contains a summary of the main COVID-19 measures that competitors and support persons need to be aware of. Additional information will be available on the regatta website.
- A public notice will be placed outside the two SMSC entry points indicating the club is closed to the public, only authorized members, support persons, competitors, and volunteers will be permitted access, depending on the public health restrictions at the time of the event.
- Signs will be placed at prominent locations reminding volunteers and participants of current public health measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19.
- There will be daily coaches' meetings but no skippers' meetings.
- Sailing Instructions will contain as much information as possible and be distributed electronically. Physical copies will not be provided.
- The club will maintain a list of all competitors, support persons, and volunteers that take part in the regatta, and all members on site during the regatta, in the event contact tracing due to COVID-19 exposure is required.

4.0 Onshore Logistics

This section describes plans specific to the management of areas on and around the club property, as well as the distribution of equipment for support boats.

- The number of people allowed onsite during the regatta will be capped at 250, as per the Phase 4 requirements of Nova Scotia's Reopening Plan <https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/phase-four/>.
- SMSC property perimeter control will be maintained before and during the regatta July 23-25.
- The registration process for participants, coaches, and volunteers will require them to agree to conduct a COVID self-check each morning before they arrive at SMSC and stay home stay home if they have one or more symptoms.
- Staff or volunteers will be stationed at the entrance(s) to record those arriving, confirm their registration status, ask them to confirm they have no COVID symptoms, etc., and reinforce the COVID safety measures.
- All non-registered visitors will be asked by a volunteer upon arrival to attest that they do not have COVID symptoms, etc. and that they agree to follow the event's COVID prevention measures. Their contact information will be saved.
- Competitors, support persons, volunteers, and members will be asked to sanitize their hands upon arrival at the club. Additional hand sanitizer stations will be provided at key locations on the property and encouraged to be used frequently.
- Indoor washrooms and shower facilities will not be available for visitors during the week leading up to, and including, the regatta.
- Portable toilets will be made available during that time. They will be cleaned daily. The main floor clubhouse washrooms will not be used by visitors.
- There will be water bottle filling stations inside the compound. Competitors will be asked to use hand sanitizer before filling their water bottle to arrive each day with their water bottles prefilled. Competitors, support persons, staff, and volunteers will be asked to bring their own prefilled water bottles.
- While on club property, competitors will be asked to stay by their boat except to use the washroom or to refill water bottles.
- Club staff or volunteers will monitor adherence to protocols on the club property during the event and remind people to follow them.
- Morning pick-ups of equipment by support boat volunteers will be staggered, to avoid congestion in the lower area of the clubhouse, and to maintain physical distancing.

5.0 Waterfront

This section describes plans specific to the management of the club docks and mooring field.

- Those volunteering on support boats should prepare and get on the water while remaining physically distanced (6' apart at all times).
- Anyone entering the marina (going to their boat) has "Right of Way" over someone returning to shore (leaving their boat). The person exiting the marina will step down a finger to allow the person to pass.

- Only provide docking assistance when requested, or when you feel it is an emergency.
- People will be asked to wear masks on the docks at all times.

6.0 Registration

This section describes plans specific to the processes for registering competitors and support persons.

- Competitors and support persons must register online by Friday, July 23rd at 5:00 pm. There will be no opportunity to register in-person either at or before the event.
- All athletes and coaches must complete the Emergency Contact, Accommodation Survey, and the COVID Waiver Form during the registration process. The forms will be available on the regatta website at <http://smc.ca/bay-wind-regatta>.

7.0 Scoring

This section describes plans specific to recording, verifying, and posting race results.

- The Scoring Team will be situated in the large, main room upstairs in the Junior Sail building, with physical distancing provided, and masks to be worn at all times—depending on public health restrictions on indoor gatherings at the time of the event. Access to that room by those other than the Scoring Team, PRO, course Race Officers, a protest committee representative, or Regatta Chair will not be permitted.
- Alternatively, the Scoring Team may work offsite.
- Results and race committee actions will be posted on an online notice board and alerts sent to competitors or support persons via text or e-mail.
- Results will not be physically posted on the club property to avoid competitors congregating in one spot.

8.0 Volunteer Check-in

This section describes plans specific to greeting, logging, and assigning volunteers on race days.

- Volunteer check-in be managed from the SMC boardroom by a maximum of three people. Those checking in will remain outside on the clubhouse deck and communicate with the check-in team through the boardroom window openings. Alternatively, volunteer check-ins will be managed outdoors on the club's front deck.

9.0 Competitors' Food

This section describes plans specific to the provision of food for competitors – take-out breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

- There will be no Saturday evening meal this year.
- Food will be handed to competitors through the main clubhouse windows.

- There will be a one-way flow of people, and those picking up food will maintain social distancing while lining up for food.
- Food will be consumed outside on the clubhouse grounds, with physical distancing reinforced.

10.0 Support Boats

This section describes plans specific to safeguarding volunteers aboard race committee, safety, mark, and jury boats.

- Support boats will be staffed with the minimum number of people required to manage races effectively.
- Before and after racing, all support boat equipment will be washed or sanitized. It will be the responsibility of the skipper to ensure this gets done.
- Volunteers will be encouraged to bring their own mask to wear onshore, approved Personal Floatation Device and any other items they will need while on the water (foul weather gear, sunscreen, hat, etc.).

10.1 Race Committee and Start Boats

- There will be no more than 50 people (participants and Race Officials) on any race start.
- Those on Race Committee boats will be asked to maintain 6 feet physical distancing wherever possible.
- Trips below deck, if necessary, should be limited to one person at a time, whenever possible.
- Following use of the head (washroom) people should wash and/or sanitize their hands and wipe down contact areas with the provided sanitation wipes.
- Race flags should, as much as possible, be handled by only one person under the direction of the Race Officer.

11.0 Competitor Boat Launch/Haul

This section describes plans specific to the handling of competitors' boats at the start and end of each day of competition.

- There will be staggered daily launches and haul-outs of competitors' boats to avoid congestion on the beach.
- Competitors and volunteers must wear masks while in the beach area.
- Volunteers will assist competitors with their dollies and boats during launching/hauling.
- Once boats are safely removed from the water, competitors will be asked to clear the beach area quickly, allowing for the next boats to be hauled to maintain physical distancing and avoid crowding on the beach.

12.0 Protests

This section describes plans specific to hearing and adjudicating protests.

- Protests will be heard in the large, main room in the SMSC clubhouse, with physical distancing maintained.

13.0 Awards Ceremony

This section describes plans specific to announcing the regatta results and distributing prizes.

- The awards ceremony will be held outdoors. The results will be announced from the front clubhouse deck, with the prize table, competitors and support persons will be located on the parking area, while maintaining physical distancing.