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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Board Attendees:**

**President John Field (Barnstable YC)**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP Andy Herlihy (Community Boating Center - New Bedford)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Beth Smith (Grand Cove YC)**

**Treasurer - Judy Quinn (Hyannis YC)**

**Secretary – John Maggioni (Chatham YC)**

**Administrator - Rob Hurd (Tabor Academy)**

Also on call (43 participants).

1. Deborah Gayle – Beverly YC
2. Ali Mitchell – Beverly YC
3. Phyllis Partridge – Beverly YC
4. Mary Piece – Beverly YC
5. Gregg Nourjian – Beverly YC
6. Joe Vergoni – Beverly YC
7. David Korb – Buzzards Y
8. John Solomon - Cotuit Mosq. YC
9. Charmaine Gahan – Cuttyhunk YC
10. Dotty Hodgkins – Edgartown YC
11. Bob Hurts – Edgartown YC
12. Justin Kane – Edgartown C
13. Josh Saltmarsh – Edgartown YC
14. Andy Smith – Edgartown YC
15. Bill Abbott – Hyannis YC
16. Nic Judson – Hyannis YC
17. Brian Leaver – Hyannis YC
18. Gabor Menyhart – Hyannis YC
19. Emily Mezzetti – Hyannis YC
20. Nicola Dempset – Hyannisport YC
21. Greg Bonzagni – Megansett YC
22. Willai Sargent – Megansett YC
23. John Budd – Menauhant YC
24. Justin Assad – Nantucket YC
25. Kat Garofoli – Onset Bay Center
26. Randi Ferrero – Quissett YC
27. Tom Tullis – Quissett YC
28. Lisa Scanlon – Satuit BC
29. Lori Farnam - Scituate Harbor YC
30. Robert Thomas – Sqantum YC
31. Chris Beard – Stage Harbor YC
32. Maryann Smith – Stage Harbor YC
33. Peter Sullivan – Stone Horse YC
34. Jeff Ward – Stone Horse YC
35. Amanda Donahue – West Dennis YC
36. Dave Watson – West Dennis YC
37. Michal Beniot – Wianno YC
38. Peter Creedon – Wianno YC
39. Dan O’Connor - Wild Harbor YC
40. Margaret Higgins – Wild Harbor YC
41. Kimberly Ulmer – Woods Hole YC
42. Ellie Lawrence – Yarmouth Rec
43. Bob Adam – Zim Sailing

Meeting called to order by President John Field at 2002 hours

**1. Training Update (R Hurd)**

- Level-1 Online courses are in full swing. There are still plenty of space in courses, if you have instructors who need training.
- The in-person classes have not happened yet.
- Level-2 and Level-3 course are on hold until in-person classes can be held. Clubs who might be willing to host an in-person class this summer, should let me know.

**2. MA Resources** posted on the SMSailing.org website

**3. SM Sailing Regattas (R Hurd)**

- **Cumming** – Cancelled
- **Gil** - Cancelled
- **Durant (TR Champs)** – Cancelled
- **Prosser-Ginn** - Cancelled
- **Grand Prix**
  - Optis – ~~NBJR, EJR, SHOR~~, WOR, DBJR, BJR
  - C420 – ~~NBJR, EJR, VHJR~~, SJR
  - Due to the lack on regattas from which to get data, the 2020 Grand Prix is cancelled as well.
- Adult Team Racing. Group is meeting next week

**4. Regattas in Southern Mass.**

- Club 420 class has cancelled their triple-crown season
- US Sailing has cancelled all of their junior & youth championships
- Several clubs have indicated that they will not host their annual regatta this year. And updated list is posted on the website under 2020 Peg Dates
- Some clubs have not made a decision yet regarding their regattas, but:
  - Edgartown and Vineyard Haven have indicated that they will not be offering housing this year.
- There is an opportunity for more club racing or local events.
- Wianno Seniors is still compiling what the Scutter Cup would look like.
- Some regattas in late July/August might happen as a “meet in the middle race” with no social, onshore components.
- What about C420s outside of family only sailing?
  - Same partners
  - Staying within State guidelines.

**5. Questions:**

- **Depository of Inform:** Can we have a depository of information set up?
  - Yes, any information sent to [SouthernMassSailing@Gmail.com](mailto:SouthernMassSailing@Gmail.com) will be added to a Google folder
- **Disinfections:**
  - Do you have a plan to disinfect the boats in case a sailor gets sick in a boat?
  - UV light will kill the virus
  - Soap and water is all you need to clean the boat.

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- **What to do with C420s?**
    - Same partners all summer/ same boats
  - **Beginners**
    - No beginners. Must be able to sail your own boat
    - We are going to teach that level, but we are keeping it small and individualize, so they can sail themselves
    - Considering beginners later in the season when other youth sports are allowed.
  - **Forms:**
    - Student check in Google form. Enter the data that is required to make sure
    - Waivers
  - **Masks on the water:**
  - Protocols for testing positive at a program.
  - Is anyone thinking about canceling for the summer?
    - Orleans YC has.
    - Woods Hole YC is considering it.
    - Cotuit Mos. YC has cancelled their instruction program b/c they launch from a public beach area, but they may still have racing
    - Yarmouth Rec still debating. We sail Knock-abouts and they require at least three people. Tough to find three people from the same family.
  
  - **Inclement weather**
    - Edgartown is considering not holding classes if the weather is bad.
6. **Regional Cluster Reports:** Tabled until next meeting. Cluster should meet over the next 14 days,
- South Coast
  - Buzzards Bay – West
  - Buzzard’s Bay – East
  - Falmouth Area
  - Mid Cape – East & West
  - Outer Cape
  - Island

**Spring Call Schedule:** Every other Thursday until the fall.

Thurs June 11, 2020  
Thurs June 25, 2020  
Thurs July 9, 2020  
Thurs July 23, 2020  
Thurs Aug 6, 2020  
Thurs Aug 20, 2020  
Thurs Sept 3, 2020

**ACTION ITEMS: R Hurd**  
**Set up a shared Google folder of information**

With no further business, the call was adjourned at 2100

## SM Sailing Board Conference Call

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### Chat from ZOOM Call

19:58:15 From Mezzetti : Emily Mezzetti, Hyannis  
19:58:16 From Robert Thomas : Bob Thomas, Squantum YC  
19:58:16 From Margaret Higgins : Meg Higgins Wild Harbor YC  
19:58:17 From gjb7755 : Greg Bonzagni - Megansett Yacht Club  
19:58:21 From Amanda's iPad : Amanda WDYC  
19:58:22 From Dave Watson WDYC : Dave Watson WDYC  
19:58:32 From Bob Hurst : Bob Hurst Edgartown  
19:58:33 From Beth Smith : Beth Smith Grand Cove, Hyannis  
19:58:36 From John Maggioni : John Maggioni, Chatham Yacht Club  
19:58:39 From Kat Garofoli- Onset Bay Center : Kat Garofoli, Onset Bay Center  
19:58:41 From Mary Pierce BYC : Mary Pierce, Beverly YC  
19:58:45 From Lorne Lewis : Lorne @ VHYC  
19:58:46 From Dennis Creedon : Peter Creedon - Wianno Yacht Club  
19:59:05 From Joseph Vergoni : Joe Vergoni, Beverly Yacht Club  
19:59:20 From Nicola Dempsey : Nicola Dempsey, Hyannisport Yacht Club  
19:59:55 From PSULLIVAN : Peter Sullivan, Stone Horse Yacht Club  
19:59:58 From Judyquinn : Judy Quinn. HYC and Wianno. SMSA Treasurer  
19:59:58 From ellie Lawrence : Ellie Lawrence here, from Yarmouth Rec Sailing  
20:00:05 From Ali Mitchell : Ali Mitchell- Beverly  
20:00:17 From Bob Adam : Bob Adam - Zim Sailing  
20:00:22 From Justin Kane : Justin Kane, Edgartown Yacht Club  
20:00:32 From Randi Ferrero : Randi Ferrero, Quissett Yacht Club  
20:00:34 From Maryann Smith : Maryann Smith, Stage Harbor YC  
20:00:46 From Tom Tullius - Quissett : Tom Tullius - Quissett  
20:00:53 From Christopher's iPhone : Christopher Beard, Program Director Stage Harbor Yacht Club, Chatham MA  
20:00:57 From Kimberly Ulmer : Kimberly Ulmer, Woods Hole Yacht Club  
20:00:58 From Andy Herlihy : Andy Herlihy, Community Boating Center  
20:01:01 From charmaine : Charmaine Gahan, Cuttyhunk Yacht Club  
20:01:03 From David Korb : David Korb Buzzards Sailing School  
20:01:06 From Andy Smith : Andy Smith, Edgartown Yacht Club  
20:01:06 From Jeff Ward : Jeff Ward - StoneHorse  
20:01:15 From willsargent : Will Sargent - Megansett YC  
20:01:25 From Bob Partridge : Phyllis Partridge Beverly Yacht Club  
20:01:38 From JMA's iPhone Max : Justin Assad Nantucket YC  
20:02:12 From John Budd : John Budd - Menauhant Yacht Club  
20:02:31 From Michael Benoit : Michael Benoit WYC  
20:02:39 From Lisa Scanlon : Lisa Scanlon, Satuit Boat Club  
20:02:40 From dorothyhodgkins : Dotty Hodgkins - Edgartown Yacht Club Jr Sailing Program Administrator  
20:02:42 From Brian Leaver : Brian Leaver Hyannis Yacht Club  
20:02:49 From Bill Abbott : Bill Abbott Hyannis Yacht Club  
20:02:53 From Robert Thomas : saw in notes the concept of Quarantining. Does anyone have any proposed forms?  
20:05:55 From Gabor Menyhart : Gabor Menyhart - Hyannis Yacht Club  
20:06:26 From John Field : John Field Barnstable YC  
  
20:19:50 From JMA's iPhone Max : where are people buying their custom buffs from?

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20:20:00 From Bob Adam : RI just announced today that they are allowing youth sports and it is very promising that double handed sailing can happen without many restrictions.

20:21:00 From Bob Adam : <https://zimsailing.com/blog/thoughts-about-boat-cleaning/>

20:28:07 From David Korb : Hello John,

Thanks for your good presentations over the past month(s).

I am the Program Director of the Buzzards Sailing School (Cape Cod, MA), and also the Board President. I recently presented to our families how I envision our program being run. We do have a few details to work out - nearly all of which are applicable to all clubs. I was hoping that US Sailing could assist with research and guidance as it is information that is going to be helpful to thousands of sailors in a month.

Social distancing - it will be up to clubs to follow state guidance on social distancing. This will have implications for multi-handed boats. I don't think US Sailing wants to get involved...but it is a constant question. (Some say - what if parents sign waivers to allow it. But this can't be permitted if a state says no.)

Face coverings - I plan to require face coverings for all sailors and staff when on land. This will be like wearing a life jacket on the water = non-negotiable. The question is what kind of covering is appropriate? Cloth masks with ties around the back are ideal for land - can get them snug, etc. Medical masks around the ears - not as good for kids due to size and the gapes at the end. But they are quicker and easier.

Assistance/safety - If an instructor needs to physically touch a student (or get very close) is it enough to simply pull the buff over their nose? Would they require a "better" face covering?

We have 4-6 weeks -- perhaps some resources could be directed to getting better answers to these questions. I am sure in the US Sailing community there are doctors, nurses, etc. who could take the lead. (And yes I know there are legal implications but I hope we can put those aside and just present information not "guidelines/mandates/suggestions". I feel that avoiding these questions due to liability is more dangerous than trying to address them.)

20:28:22 From gjb7755 : I recommend Bill Bearce @ Bearce Insurance if you have insurance questions.

20:28:31 From David Korb : Disinfection of equipment: would boat soap and water (either salt or fresh) be advisable to wash down equipment on boats i.e. tillers, main sheets, etc. How many minutes should they be scrubbed? Would we need lysol, bleach, etc.? Do Opti sails/masts have to be cleaned daily or just the higher touch points?

20:28:57 From David Korb : Buffs - the unknown. I have read that they are not as good as a mask as they are thinner. They are more comfortable and stay up pretty well which are positives. My hope is to require buffs only. We live in 24 unit apt building in Boston and thus have been wearing masks daily. I have been wearing a cloth mask with ties and a buff over it. It works great -- the mask is snug and the buff holds it in place well and closes any gaps. I don't think we can have kids do

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this b/c they would then have to touch their faces to pull the buff down to remove the mask to sail. Then where would they store their mask? And then they would have to put it on upon arrival. Thus, I think a buff only is the "best" compromise. Should we require a certain thickness? Double buff? etc.?

- 20:29:14 From David Korb : On-water sailing - if boats are 2-3 boat lengths apart - face coverings are (assumingly) not needed. If we are doing Opti starts or mark roundings - should sailors wear their buffs? I don't want them wearing cloth masks on the water. The buff might be a good compromise? The unintended consequence is that they will be touching their faces to put it up/down, but they probably touch their faces plenty on the water due to, spray, itches, salt water, etc. Should we make them wear buffs all the time on the water?
- 20:29:29 From David Korb : We have 4-6 weeks -- perhaps some resources could be directed to getting better answers to these questions. I am sure in the US Sailing community there are doctors, nurses, etc. who could take the lead. (And yes I know there are legal implications but I hope we can put those aside and just present information not "guidelines/mandates/suggestions". I feel that avoiding these questions due to liability is more dangerous than trying to address them.)
- 20:30:58 From Margaret Higgins : We are testing out the messaging app called Remind. It is free and easy to use to send text messages right to parents.
- 20:31:30 From Amanda's iPad : we use remind at school with students. seems to work well
- 20:31:48 From Lori Farnan- SHYC : we are going to use Remind as well, to text parents
- 20:33:20 From amy gross-kehoe : What day are people starting? June 15, 22, 29? July 6?
- 20:33:46 From Andy Smith : Edgartown YC - June 29
- 20:33:57 From Dan O'Connor : WHYC 6/29
- 20:34:25 From Lisa Scanlon : Satuit is starting July 6th.
- 20:34:34 From Randi Ferrero : Quissett June 29th 🙌. May try to do some open sail earlier...June 15th
- 20:34:54 From Joseph Vergoni : Beverly is starting on July 6th
- 20:35:23 From Robert Thomas : Squantum June 28th
- 20:36:08 From Edward Joyce : Plymouth is starting on 6/29
- 20:37:05 From John Budd : We have instructional program for the young kids ages 6-8, with old turnabouts with instructor and 3-4 kids. If you have a program like that, what are you doing? Thx
- 20:38:58 From charmaine : Hi from Cuttyhunk, we have a fleet of N10s (formerly turnabouts). We will only allow family members together in boats: parents, siblings, cousins. Normally we would have 1 Junior Instructor with 3-4 kids. Although everyone will miss this system (our program is 100% run by kids) I actually think the adults will love it, for many of them, it's a chance to learn to sail, or refresh their memory.
- 20:39:36 From Ali Mitchell : <https://campnurse.org/education-and-resources/covid-19-considerations-for-camp/>
- 20:40:42 From Justin Assad Nantucket YC : June 29
- 20:40:46 From Will Sargent : MYC July 6
- 20:40:59 From Emily Taylor : July 13 - Nantucket community sailing

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- 20:41:07 From Lorne Lewis : vhyC June 29
- 20:41:09 From Randi Ferrero : Field guide  
<https://acacamps.app.box.com/s/7gkh9buu3ntssx2v38gajg4z94631lag>
- 20:41:13 From David Korb : Buzzards still planning June 29
- 20:41:31 From Dave Watson WDYC : WDYC June 22
- 20:41:33 From Nic Judson : Hyannis YC Virtual June 22, hopefully on/in the water on July 6
- 20:41:44 From Lori Farnan : SHYC 6/22
- 20:42:44 From John Maggioni : Chatham Yacht Club, sailing program start on June 29th, Virtual Opening Meeting on June 13th to review procedure/vet concerns
- 20:42:55 From Randi Ferrero : <https://campnurse.org/education-and-resources/covid-19-considerations-for-camp/>
- 20:47:57 From Randi Ferrero : <https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/health-wellness-resources>
- 20:48:16 From Randi Ferrero : [https://www.campnurse.org/wp-content/example of pre screening...uploads/2020/03/Health-Screening-Form-2020.pdf](https://www.campnurse.org/wp-content/example%20of%20pre%20screening...uploads/2020/03/Health-Screening-Form-2020.pdf)
- 20:48:58 From Randi Ferrero : Communicable disease info to use..<https://www.campnurse.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Comm-Disease-Plan-Example-2020.pdf>
- 20:50:12 From Justin Assad Nantucket YC : Nantucket Yacht Club has closed the building for the season.
- 20:51:34 From Randi Ferrero : I was on a call with Dr Edward Ryan, MGH Director of Global Infectious Disease. He said to keep an eye on local cases and our community not necessarily the entire state...Judy is our resource:)
- 20:56:00 From charmaine : Hi guys from Cuttyhunk, I just want to say that for almost 65 years we have run a recreational program, almost no regatta participation, lots of family sailing, and everyone loves it. Good luck to everyone!
- 21:00:41 From Randi Ferrero : Thank you
- 21:00:57 From Amanda's iPad : thanks!
- 21:01:25 From gjb7755 To ROB HURD(privately) : Greg Bonzagni - Megansett [gjb623@me.com](mailto:gjb623@me.com)
- 21:01:33 From Mezzetti : These meetings are incredibly helpful, thank you!