

Dear Members and Friends,

2020 brought great challenges but also great growth to the club and to the Bear Lake racing scene. As a club we tackled the COVID issues and managed to pull off a great season. We have also been constantly monitoring the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the state and CDC for 2021. As last year, we continue to let those be our guide. We are sailors and boaters who love Bear Lake and love the club and so we understand the anticipation and urgency many of us feel to get out on the water but we also take very seriously the current public health conditions. While the current pandemic seems to be waning, there are still restrictions in place.

As of 4/14/2021 the State of Utah has COVID restrictions for Rich County at "Low". The Low designation permits groups up to 50 but to still practice social distancing and wear masks. We have to balance being social and gathering at the lake with the guidelines given by the state. The Club encourages everyone to follow the state's guidelines and use your discretion for crew and who joins you at the lake. Please do not gather in large groups on the dock or shore side and when we do congregate please observe the 6 foot social distance and mask guidelines we all have become familiar with. Above all, please respect your fellow club members and other visitors to the lake.

The 2021 race schedule is as follows.

May 15th – Series Races

May 29th – Series Races

June 11th-13th – Bear Lake SailFest

June 20th – Jud Preston Memorial Race (after Father's Day Brunch)

June 26th – Series Races

Aug 21st – Solo Challenge

Sept. 4th - Monster Race

Sept 18th Series Races

Oct 2nd – Series Races

We would still like to schedule a Women at the Helm Race. There will also be casual, non-scored, non-club fun races in July.

Distinct detailed Sailing Instructions will be emailed for the Series Races, SailFest, Women's Race, Solo Challenge and Monster Race. Below are the basics for the season...

For all Series Races our intention is to hold at least 2 races each Saturday, starting earlier and sailing a little later. This is to hold races in a variety of Bear Lake conditions and simply to race more. Plan on a socially distant skippers' meeting at the Marina Office deck at 10 am. The first race will start at 11:00 am. As last year, we will use GPS as the time keeper with no on the water committee boat. Courses will be announced at the skippers' meeting. Times will be texted to the Race Chair at the finish of each race.

Provisional fleets will be Open, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. This may change depending on the event and number of participants. We will accommodate one-design classes as they develop.

Ratings are based on PHRF using history from our own results and other local clubs. Rating adjustments can be made by the race committee.

SailFest will once again be a 3 day regatta with races held Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. We are very excited for this regatta as there is interest from out of town boats and potential for one or more one-design classes with Melges 24's and Ultimate 20's interested in racing. SailFest will also feel different than the Series races with on the water race committee, movable marks and even event t-shirts! We hope that this can be one of the biggest and best regattas we've held at Bear.

Rules are for the most part aligned with US Sailing and World Sailing but some may be modified by the race committee.

Safety is up to each individual skipper as is the decision of each skipper to start and or compete in any event.

Fees- The 2021 Series, Solo Race, Women's Race and Monster Race fees are as follows; BLYC members are \$10.00 per day. Non-club members are \$15 per day. SailFest entry fees are TBD.

Please keep in mind that if the Utah state guidelines for dealing with COVID-19 change we may have to modify, change or cancel events. We will communicate any changes as soon as we know we may need to make those changes.

We look forward to seeing you at Bear Lake!

Ben Towery
Race Chair