



# Sandy Bay Yacht Club

August 6, 2020

*Greetings SBYC Members,*

## **2020, Way Better than Expected!**

We are overdue for a SBYC update and this one was further delayed by Tropical Storm Isaias. Our 2020 season has achieved successes that could not have been predicted this spring. Membership is taking full advantage of the facilities under social distancing and mask requirements. The snack bar is doing a great job feeding us and expanding to provide take-out dinner and now, Sunday take-out breakfast from 8 to 10 AM. Our store is going to host a special opening on Sunday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM with inventory displayed outside. Despite there being no SBYC social events, members are getting their boating needs satisfied.

## **Club Updates**

- Uncertainties regarding finances this year are fading. Both the SSP and SBYC are on track to break-even, which is a far cry from the \$50 to \$100 thousand we feared losing in April. Incomes are down 12-15%, but we have cut our expenses and the PPP fund inflows are propping us up to a point where we may balance our budgets.
- Notwithstanding a drop in overall membership, we have added 25 new adult members.
- Our race program has been, in the words of fleet captain, Kirk Williamson, vibrant. Although we are down a few competitors, the number of races is way, way up and the enthusiasm on the water is unsurpassed. Kudos to Stephen Ouellette and our expansive and dedicated race-committee. The VHF radio requirement has greatly improved communications between the fleets and committee boat. The race committee is constantly working to schedule crew and organize exciting days on the water.
- SBYC's junior sailing program has been phenomenal. While other area clubs have suspended operations or greatly reduced the scope of their offerings, Sandy Bay has expanded our student base by more than 30%. We have more classes, more kids, and more instructors than in any recent years. I am grateful to sailing program liaison Sarah Wilkinson for her daily management and for our rock-solid director, Isabelle Salvaterra.
- Our adult sailing program is booked up and doing very well thanks to our dedicated instructors and program director, Skip Montello.
- The addition of the Rhodes 19 "Mad Dog" donated by Paul McCarthy and

his family has expanded our fleet of loaner boats. Club members as well as both adult and junior sailing programs are taking advantage.

- There are no organized social events this season and that it unlikely to change. Members have been able to enjoy socially distanced dining around the club.



## Housekeeping Matters

- **Social Distancing, Masks, and sign-ins:** Compliance with COVID-19 protocols has been excellent. Members are respecting the club protocols and each other. SBYC must remain a safe place for everyone. There is no problem with distanced individuals and distanced bubbles enjoying a beverage or food at tables, or on either deck if they are not too close to other members.
  - **Masks are required on SBYC premises** unless you are socially distanced and eating or drinking.
  - **If you do not feel well, do not come to the club.**
  - If you are among several distanced groups, please be careful not to create a gauntlet for others to pass through. We must maintain clear passage between the ramp and deck areas.
  - Most folks have been amenable to pulling their masks up when they forget. Several have pushed back against our staff. The board will not tolerate this. We have a policy that employees are instructed to

enforce, and no member or guest is exempt. If you do not want to follow the policy, please do not come to the club.

- Please make a point to sign the book when you arrive. If we have an infection at SBYC, we want to be able to promptly notify members who may have been infected. It is also a state requirement to keep these records.
- We plan to deploy some new signage as a reminder of these policies.
- **Loaner boats:** please leave the boat better than you found it. There is no excuse for not properly stowing the equipment and leaving the boat clean and ready for the next crew. There is no staff scheduled to come in like housekeeping at a hotel to clean up after you.
- **The Ship's Store** Will be open from 8:30 -10:00 AM on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. There are a few new items including ball caps and women's tops. We will have the inventory spread out outside and for easy socially distanced shopping.



I cannot thank our staff, members, board, committees, and volunteers enough for all helping to make this a good the best year possible despite our challenges. We have a wonderful club because of the vast group of dedicated members and staff who work together for SBYC. It's August already, get down to the club and take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Happy Boating,

Stan Patey  
*Commodore, Sandy Bay Yacht Club*

