



**NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE SAILING
CLUB
and
YOUNGSTOWN YACHT CLUB**



2021 COVID-19 NOTIFICATIONS

As of March 1, 2021, the Niagara Region entered the Red Control Zone

What we know as of today in regard to COVID regulations. The government does change items frequently, but this is where they current sit as it impacts sailing.

Specifically related to racing here are the highlights:

In Red colour zone only single handed, individual training, practice is permitted under the regulations.

Racing will only be allowed in Orange, Yellow and Green Zones.

In these colour coded zones, you are allowed to come with 2m and not wear masks while engaged in sport. Masks and 2m distancing need to be maintained at all other times (arrival, set up etc.).

Each league which ongoing weekly or regular racing would be considered is limited to a maximum of 50 people. Our understanding of the law is that it also requires that a team/crew does not compete in any other group outside that 50 people. (You could separate a larger group into 2 groups of 50 people, but you do need to maintain those groups each week).

In terms of who your participants are the law doesn't specifically address your unique situation, however as the hosting organization you would be responsible for all the participants as a total number in your organization event numbers.

Note that regardless of your colour zone there are several requirements the clubs need to have in place to operate including screening tools, safety plan and maintaining physical distancing.

I hope this gives you a better understanding of what is allowed under the provincial regulations in each colour. We do anticipate some changes to the laws but not in the areas specifically impacting racing however as we have seen in the past year the government has constantly evolved the legislation as the COVID situation changes.

Ontario Sailing will be doing our best to communicate in as timely a manner as possible as the laws and regulations evolve and providing updates to the club's main contacts. Please encourage them to ensure the Ontario Sailing updates regarding COVID regulations are shared to stay on top of the laws that impact the activities you would like to do.

RACING IN US WATERS

Just to clarify, Ontario Sailing is not issuing directives, we are simply providing Interpretation of how the provincial government legislation impacts sailing. (We definitely had some individuals approach us last summer asking why we were telling them what to do etc. We are happy to help with interpretation of the laws, but it is up to each organization's Board to determine what they will be doing and to ensure they are managing their risks.)

Regarding your members choosing to sail in American waters, there would be no legislation I am aware of beyond the rules impacting "cross border" issues that may apply under Border Services. If the club from a risk management perspective wants to put some procedures in place, that is definitely within your abilities but assuming that none of the boats are going within 2m of other individuals when out racing I am not sure the need. However, as they come and go from the club, they need to be within the Ontario legislation and regulations.