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## **BC Sailing Covid 19 Update**

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BC Sailing has received further inquiries regarding the recent extension of the Provincial Health Orders (PHO). This document provides updated guidance specifically around Adult Keelboat sailing activities that are permitted under the PHO.

### **Adult Sailing**

- Outdoor organized sport activities for adults (people aged 22 and over) are restricted to groups of 10 or fewer people.
- A club can have more than 1 group participating in organized activities, provided that each group is limited to the same 10 people, and that groups remain apart both on the water and on shore. Activity organizers must ensure that each activity or practice stays separate, both on and off the water.
- Training activities only.
- 3 metre separation must be maintained between individual members of a group and appropriate sanitization of common equipment must be carried out between groups. • For other than single handed sailing, crew should consist only of members of the same household at this time as participants must maintain a distance of 3 metres from one another unless everyone lives in the same private residence.

### **Youth Sailing**

- Children and youth sport activities do not have the same gathering restrictions that adults do. Children and youth are permitted to gather in group sizes of up to 50 people, including coaches or organizers.
- 3 meters of physical distancing is required at all times. If physical distancing is not able to be maintained the activity is not permitted. Singlehanded sailing only unless both crew live in the same private residence.
- These restrictions apply to on-water as well as land-based training. Children and youth, in this instance, are people under the age of 22.

## **Regattas/Competition**

- Regattas or organized competition are not currently permitted under the PHO, and as such are not currently sanctioned by BC Sailing.

## **High Performance Exemption**

- High performance athletes can train, travel and compete together. They must follow the COVID 19 safety protocols of the provincial or national sports organization they are affiliated with.
- To qualify as a high-performance athlete, you must be identified by the Canadian Sports Institute Pacific as a High-Performance Athlete affiliated with an accredited provincial or national sports organization.

## **Covid Protocols**

- Member Clubs and Associations must have their own site specific Covid protocols for their shore side operations that follow the PHO. Specific attention should be given to cleaning and sanitizing of commonly used equipment, congestion points, and other marina specific issues.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact BCSA by phone or email.