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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that we are planning to have summer sailing this year at Charleston Community Sailing and Charleston Yacht Club. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic we will be making changes to the program as your health, safety and welfare are our top priority. These policies are fluid and may change as we move forward.

**General Guidelines for ALL:**

- Self-isolation, if you are sick or have a temperature over 100.4, stay home.
- If any symptoms of COVID-19 are present or they've been near someone who is ill, avoid coming to the facility
- Practice social distancing of six feet distance to the greatest extent possible (docks, when passing others)
- Wash hands frequently (20 seconds with soap and water or use of a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol)
- Avoid touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Strongly consider wearing a cloth face covering when it is difficult to practice social distancing
- BYO water and water bottles when coming to the club/facility.
- Do not share personal water bottles, food, gear, equipment, sunscreen, towels.
- Use bathroom facilities prior to coming to club
- Cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues away immediately after use (move downwind)

**2020 Summer Sailing Rules:**

- Upon check-in all sailors will complete a CDC recommended check in with temperature check as they arrive
- Please arrive dressed and ready to go – no changing on site.
- Masks/buffs **MUST** be worn by **ALL** sailors at all times on land.
- Singlehanded Sailing and Housemates/Chosen Partner can be boat mates (Parents need to let us know)
- Guppy Sailing- we will encourage all kids to wear masks when close to others, but they will be paired
- No snacks

***We are requiring each sailor to have their own sailing gear. This will include:***

- USCG approved life jacket
- Close Toed Water Shoes
- Face Covering (mask, buff)
- Sailing gloves
- Towel
- Water Bottle

We will have small pods of no more than 6 sailors. Each pod will have the same instructor for the entire week, and we will place sailors from the same family in the same pod to limit exposure. We intend to use single handed boats (Optimists, Bics) and will consider a double hand boat (420) on an individual case basis such as same family members or in a situation that both families agree that they want their children to sail together. Each sailor/group will be assigned the same boat, and equipment for the entire week that has been cleaned prior to the session. We will use odd and even number boats, alternating morning and afternoon that will meet social distancing guidelines. In case of known bad weather classes will be cancelled as there is limited space. If bad weather develops during class we encourage parents to pick up their children as soon as possible.

Thank you again for choosing our programs and your patience as we establish our new "normal" for Summer 2020. We are excited to get back on the water!

Sincerely,

Jessica Koenig, Executive Director and the Charleston Community Sailing Board of Directors