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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Cleve Hardaker
President

Re: Safe Reopening Protocol – Recreational Boating

Dear Supervisors:

Winston Bumpus
Vice President – North

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) supports the County of Los Angeles Small Craft Harbor Commission request that your board authorize the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Administration to adopt Protocols for Safe Private Recreational Boating in Los Angeles County.

Todd Leutheuser
Vice President – South

RBOC is the nonprofit advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state’s recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 52nd year as a statewide organization promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

Otis Brock
Secretary – Treasurer

RBOC and the boating community encourage all boaters to practice social/physical distancing in all aspects and other measures to protect themselves and others during these challenging times. We have posted and communicated safe practice guidelines to assist club and individual efforts [<https://www.rbo.org/boater-brief>]. (Copy attached.)

Ray Durazo
Past President

Legislative Advocate

Jerry Desmond
Director of
Government Relations

Boating is an inherently safe recreational activity from the viewpoint of Covid 19 since individuals are widely dispersed aboard boats in the breeze and open air.
Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,
Cleve Hardaker

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REOPENING PROTOCOL

We respect that there are different levels of boating restrictions in jurisdictions across the state and it is difficult to determine what rules apply to which areas on specific dates. As efforts continue, we anticipate an easing of restrictions and we want to ensure the boating community is acting in a responsible and reasonable manner. **RBOC encourages all boaters, boating organizations and yacht clubs to share the following common sense guidelines with their friends, family and members.**

This document is based on various guidelines published by local jurisdictions, the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) and national and international sailing organizations. It is not intended to supersede or contradict federal, state or local guidelines on COVID19 control. CDC reference: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

Family Versus Friends

It is generally accepted that members of the same household are exempt from many of the preventive measures described herein. However, if there are to be non-household persons present, the protocol must be strictly observed to protect the health and safety of all involved parties.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

The person in charge of a boat will ensure that face coverings are available to everyone on the boat and that that they are properly worn when within six feet of another person not in the same household.

Watching for Symptoms

Signs of possible infection include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea. The person in charge of a boat will confirm that each person has shown no such signs prior to admitting them onto the vessel.

Hygiene and Sanitation

The person in charge of the boat shall be responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of the vessel prior to allowing persons on board. Also, the person in charge will provide washing facilities and/or hand sanitizer to all persons on the boat and will provide disinfecting sprays or wipes to sanitize equipment and frequently touched surfaces.

Contact Records

Each boat will keep detailed logs of all persons boarding the vessels for purposes of contact tracing should it become necessary.

Rafting

When two or more boats are rafted together, the six-foot separation and face covering rules are to be strictly adhered to. People moving from boat to boat is discouraged.

Land-Based Activities

Social gatherings attended by a large number of persons are prime candidates for spreading COVID 19. Such gatherings should be avoided. For event needs as having a pre-race skippers' meeting or post-race award ceremonies, it is recommended that these be done online and/or through an interactive video conferencing application before and after the event.

Signage

For yacht clubs, sailing clubs, marinas and launch ramps, the above guidelines are to be prominently displayed in as many locations throughout the facility as practical. In addition, event organizers may distribute the information on flyers distributed to all participants before and during the event.

Oversight

For each event, the organizers will appoint a Safety Officer who will oversee all activities and insure full compliance with these guidelines. Refusal to comply may be considered misconduct and can result in disqualification for participation in the event.