

# Hyde Bay Cruise instructions

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## 2020 Hyde Bay Cruise Instructions :

**Monday's forecast as of today, Saturday, is SW at 15 with gusts well over 20. We will not run the race in those conditions. We will monitor the forecast and provide a decision Sunday evening. Remember, if we cancel, we'll try again next Saturday.**

The Hyde Bay Cruise most likely will be our only social event for the season and a socially-distant one at that. Due to the pandemic, we will be running the event differently than in the past. Here are the race instructions.

While at the club, you must wear your masks at all times, on shore and the docks. Do not allow more than one boat at a time on the launch dock. Follow our bathroom protocol by limiting to one person or family group in each bathroom at a time and disinfect the surfaces you come in contact with. Though the data presently suggests minimal community spread, we must be mindful of the news from Oneonta and embrace necessary precautions.

The start will be at approximately 9:30. All boats will start at the same time. The start line will be from the northeastern harbor buoy to a chase boat in the middle of the lake. The start will be to the north, up the lake, regardless of wind direction. There will not be a windward buoy to round.

The starting sequence will be a warning series of whistles and then a starting whistle at three minutes with a blue flag raised, whistle at two minutes, whistle at one minute, and then a whistle and the flag lowered at the start. Please remember there are new skippers and crew in the fleet. Always hail and give them lots of room at the start and every crossing.

The finish line will be a chase boat with a red buoy to port in Hyde Bay. We do not have a State Park permit to go on shore as a group. The Thistles and Scots will have a quick lunch on the water and then restart to the south. The cruisers, after finishing, will have time for lunch on board and then start. We will use the same starting sequence.

We strongly urge everyone to sail safely with the understanding that we will **not** be able to provide the level of service as we have in the past regarding rescuing boats in the weeds, bringing people on shore, **or towing boats that fall behind**. We will of course provide emergency assistance if required, but please make sure your boat is in good working order and your safety gear, PFDs, anchor and line are up to date. We will be monitoring the sail on radio channel 12 and encourage everyone to have their radios tuned in, especially if we have to abandon and turn for home prematurely.

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On a sad note, for those of you who do not yet know, Wolf Wilde, former Commodore and Lawrence Cup Club Champion, passed away this week. Wolf was an amazing sailor and huge asset to the club. He will be greatly missed. We are dedicating the Hyde Bay Race this year to his memory. Please follow the link below to read Wolf's obituary.

Thank you all for helping make this a fun event and especially to Jerry Phelan our Race Committee leader, Jim Maloney on the chase boat, and Ron Streek, Ken Higgins, and Butch Weir for getting the boats ready. We also plan to have awards with a little twist.

Wayne Mellor  
Race Committee

[Wolf's Obituary](#)