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The Board of Directors of the Western Michigan Yachting Association met via a Zoom meeting today to discuss the upcoming annual Regatta- our 91st- scheduled for this August at Torch Lake.

The meeting focus was not the typical Spring BOD meeting for the Club representatives from the member clubs of the WMYA, but was purposed to address the extraordinary topic of what we all share together- the radical changes to our lives due to the Covid-19 Virus- and its potential effects on the upcoming regatta this year.

As many of you are personally aware, the coordination of an event of the magnitude of the WMYA Regatta requires a great deal of planning. In these EXTRAORDINARY times, even more consideration than normal are required to address the nuances of regatta planning and management required by both the host clubs as well as the participants.

- Safety. 1st and Foremost. Always.
- Housing Reservations and Cancellations. CHECK YOUR CANCELLATION POLICIES!!
- Communication.

The WMYA BOD has agreed to meet again bi-monthly short term, more if deemed necessary- to review updates to the social distancing requirements to which we all currently adhere, which may influence the regatta. If any changes to the regatta dates as planned are required, we will publish any update here immediately at WMYA.ORG.

Currently, we have not made any decisions affecting the running of the regatta. WMYA Commodore Dan Lorimer, along with Regatta Chair Kris Hallett and their support team of volunteers at Torch Lake are busy coordinating the events in anticipation of hosting yet another classic WMYA Regatta at Torch. But with the Covid-19 Virus wildcard to contend with, we all need to remain vigilant and prepared for disruptions on short notice. Any changes to the regatta will be published here as quickly as possible after Board Review.

In the meantime, stay safe, and look forward to crossing tacks with your family and friends as soon as safely possible.

Warmest Regards,

Brett Hatton  
Executive Secretary  
Western Michigan Yachting Association