

## **Okoboji Yacht Club Expanded Executive Committee Announcement - 5/11/2020**

During these unprecedented times and evolving guidance and precautionary recommendations, The OYC Expanded Executive Committee recently met to discuss and formulate a plan to move forward this summer.

Difficult decisions were made with the safety of our members as a priority. The difficulty of maintaining 6 foot spacing during activities and the prohibition of buffets and self-serve food were also major considerations in our decisions.

The Expanded Executive Committee which includes: Kelli Farrar, Jim Caffrey, Brigid Wilkening, Jim Coddington, Tom Rierson, Barry Sackett, Walt Mendenhall, Carol Larson, Tom Everist with Randy Gould and Brad Farrar as non-voting staff members have come to the following conclusions:

1. All Social Activities including Friday and Saturday Night Socials, Card and Mah Jongg Groups will be suspended until **July 1**. The committee will re-evaluate the situation on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Our summer racing schedule will be delayed until **June 20<sup>th</sup>** with a re-evaluation planned on June 12<sup>th</sup>. When racing is opened up, it is likely a waiver will need to be signed acknowledging risks.
3. The status of the 2020 Inland Championship Regatta planned for August continues to be monitored by our Regatta chair: Brigid Wilkening in conjunction with ILYA.

The Expanded Executive Committee will be meeting with the full Board at the end of the month to discuss other responses to the pandemic. And, the Expanded Executive Committee will continue to meet regularly to evaluate this evolving situation.

Please note, the Okoboji Sailing School Board is meeting later this month to determine its summer programming schedule. These decisions do not apply to sailing education programs.

Any such changes by either organization will impact shared utilization of the facilities and grounds. Currently, Iowa COVID-19 guidance imposes different restriction on the OYC versus the OYCSS, as they are classified differently.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Jane Hopkins Gould who is leaving the committee after 3 years of leadership resulting in many wonderful changes to our club.