



# **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RESPONSE PLAN MAPLE BAY ANNUAL REGATTA SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Maple Bay Rowing Club (MBRC) Local Organizing Committee has worked hard to implement a process for our club to hold the 2022 Maple Bay Annual Regatta safely, based upon and consistent with guidelines from Rowing BC, Rowing Canada Aviron, ViaSport BC, WorkSafe BC and the BC Center for Disease Control (BCCDC). The plan also complies with Covid-19 guidelines for the regatta venue as set out by the Municipality of North Cowichan and ViaSport.

MBRC has produced a document and processes to demonstrate measures to keep regatta rowers, coaches, umpires, volunteers, supporters, friends (collectively, the regatta participants) and our community safe. There is a strong acknowledgment that even though participants are double vaccinated; there is evidence that one can still contract COVID 19 with that vaccination. We recommend social distancing continue to be an aspect of all participant behaviour.

## **The Local Organization Committee (LOC) for Maple Bay Rowing Club**

- Regatta Chair: Dave Symonds
- Chief Umpire: Sheree Moffatt
- Covid-19 Safety Officer: Alethia Clarke
- Club President: Susan Macdonald
- Safety Officer: Ric Tull
- First Aid Officer: Kathy Thibodeau
- Food/Concession: Ann Scholten

## **GOAL**

To protect the health and safety of Regatta athletes, coaches, umpires and volunteers (collectively, the regatta participants) and to protect the health of our communities by preventing the spread of COVID-19.

## **COMMUNICATION PLAN**

This plan is approved by the LOC and share with regatta participants through Regatta

Central. As we progress, regatta participants will be notified of changes dependent on the direction given by Rowing BC, Rowing Canada, ViaSport and the B.C. Public Health Orders.

Prior to the start of the first race, in the event that any of the previously noted organizations determine that it is no longer appropriate to host a public regatta due to COVID-19, or for any other reason, the MBRC recognizes that priority, and the event will not be held.

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## **REGATTA STAGING AREA**

The Maple Bay Rowing Club regatta staging area is from the main gate upon entry to the parking lot to the main dock at Art Mann Park. This location is a public space and while we will do our best to notify the public in advance of the event we are unable to have fully controlled access. As this is a public space and members of the public cannot be prevented from entering the site, traffic cones will delineate the regatta staging area and regatta volunteers will direct members of the public and spectators away from the staging area where possible, and inform them that a regatta is taking place.

Parking for umpires and race officials will be reserved on site on the north side of the boat house. Trailer parking will be at the bottom of Indian Road and adjacent to the park. Bus Parking will be allowed on Canary Pl, all other vehicles will be directed to Indian Rd, Cygnet Dr and Swans Nest Dr to find available roadside parking.

The field of play is defined as the waterway once a crew is launched.

## **HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

### **COVID-19 HEALTH CHECK**

All regatta participants are requested to complete a covid self-assessment <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/> and follow the directions as provided should they need to seek testing or treatment.

## **STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**

All regatta participants are responsible for watching for symptoms of COVID-19. These include, but are not limited to, cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, stuffy nose, loss of sense of smell, headache and/or fatigue. (See <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms> for complete list.) Symptoms can range from very mild to severe.

## **MASKS**

It is recommended that all regatta participants and spectators wear masks. There is a strong acknowledgment that even though some participants are double vaccinated; there is evidence that one can still contract COVID 19 with this vaccination. We recommend social distancing continue to be an aspect of all participant behaviour.

## **HYGIENE, CLEANING AND SANITIZING**

Disinfectant spray will be available for equipment if required and will be kept at registration desk. Teams are encouraged to bring their own supply.

Hand sanitizer will be available at the registration desk, various areas throughout the staging area, and the Portalets. Hand washing facilities, as required under the current health order, are available in the public washrooms.

## **FOOD AND WATER**

Athletes and volunteers are expected to bring their own food. Umpires will be provided with a bagged lunch. Coffee and water will be provided on-site. Hand washing facilities or alcohol-based sanitizers are within easy reach of this station; along with signs reminding participants to wash or sanitize their hands before touching self-serve drink items. Volunteers will ensure high touch surfaces at the station, and utensils that are used for self-serve, are frequently cleaned and sanitized. In addition to this toilet facilities with running water, soap and paper towels for hand washing and drying purposes, or hand sanitation supplies, will be available for participants.

Regatta participants are encouraged to bring their own water/beverages. A small supply of bottled water will be provided by the regatta organization available at registration tent in case of emergency.

## **LOCAL REQUIREMENTS**

This is not a seated event, so there is no associated capacity limit for this public space. As this is a public area, MBRC is unable to full regulate access, but will ensure we do our best to touch base with anyone entering the area and complete a health check.

## **ACCESS TO LAUNCH AREA**

Traffic flow will be clearly marked with cones and markers. The flow will be indicated on the site map. Volunteers will be present to guide participants and spectators with traffic flow.

Where possible spectators and the public will be informed by volunteers of the regatta

restrictions and asked to not enter the regatta staging area.

Participant access will be controlled to the docking area through the control commission.

It is recommended that physical distancing be maintained at the staging area and venue.

## **EVENT POLICIES**

Any regatta participants who do not follow the procedures will be asked to leave the regatta venue immediately.

The Maple Bay Rowing Club COVID-19 Safety Officer will have the power to stop the regatta at any time if COVID-19 protocols are not being followed.

In the event that the COVID-19 Safety Officer has stopped the regatta, and the reasons for that cessation of activity have been addressed, the COVID-19 Safety Officer, the LOC Chair, the Chief Umpire and a representative of the Emergency Medical Services provider or volunteer must collectively agree to re-start the regatta.

The LOC Chair and the COVID-19 Safety Officer will work with the Chief Umpire to determine if there are specific compliance issues related to the regatta officials either generically, or on an individual basis.

Marshalls will be present to assist rowers in being spaced out from each other in accordance with physical distancing limitation as stated by Rowing BC and Rowing Canada.

## **WATER RESCUES**

This procedure applies to safety boats and umpire chase boats to the extent they are actively involved in a water rescue. If an athlete in the water wants or needs to enter the rescue or chase boat, all individuals in the boat will respond appropriately and those that choose to can mask-up as soon as they are able. Masks will be provided by the LOC.