



Ontario Sailing  
COVID FAQs for the Individual Sailor

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Please remember that the COVID Regulations change regularly and decisions about what is permitted may also change quickly and suddenly. Please read and follow any communication updates or directives from the organization where you store your boat. These answers are provided as a high-level general overview and not specific to each individual situation.

Many of the answers to these questions depend on the decisions made by the organization where you normally sail, or who hosts events you participate in. Many factors, including the classification of the region you are currently in, play a part in the answers and the overall risk management decisions made by the Board or owner of the location you store your boat.

*Please Note: Ontario Sailing does not set any COVID-19-related regulations or restrictions regarding your activities. This is not legal advice. We are sharing publicly available information regarding Provincial laws. The links provided may not link to the latest form of the Regulation. Each organization is responsible for understanding your legal situation, managing your risk, making decisions on how to proceed, and managing any consequences; Ontario Sailing takes no responsibility for your reliance on the information we provide in our COVID-19-related communications.*

Am I allowed to go sailing this summer?

*Generally recreational sailing is permitted in Ontario under the Regulations except when under a Stay-at Home order. In Shutdown, Grey and Red classifications, you may only sail with members of your household. Further limits, especially related to timing and numbers, may be place by individual organizations for your safety to ensure a small number of people gather.*

Who am I allowed to bring onboard with me?

*In Shutdown, Grey and Red classifications, you may only sail with members of your household.*

Does the Stay-at-Home Order change any of this?

*The Stay-at-Home order regulates individuals while the other Regulations focus on organizations. Under the Stay-at-home Order, people are allowed to leave their houses for physical activity but only to attend organizations that are open. Under the current Regulations for organizations, they are generally not allowed to permit recreational boating.*



Can I work on my boat and have it launched during the stay-at-home order?

*Unfortunately, there are many aspects to this question from a Regulation perspective and the Regulations are unclear so Ontario Sailing is unable to answer this question. This question needs to be directed to the organization where your boat is stored. We hope you will respect the direction given by the organization where your boat is located.*

Am I allowed to take part in a race?

*Sport activities involving more than one person, including double handed sailing or multi crew boats or any competition of any type of boat, are only allowed under the classifications of Orange, Yellow or Green.*

Do my crew and I have to wear masks?

*If you are under a classification where you can have crew outside of your household and race (Orange/Yellow/Green) then under the Regulations, you are not required to wear a mask while actively participating in the sport. However individual organizations hosting events may include mask wearing as a requirement and it is strongly recommended to wear a mask whenever you are within 2m of anyone outside your household.*

Can I participate in a regatta?

*If an organization is hosting a regatta under the classification of Orange/Yellow or Green AND your crew has not been regularly participating in a series of races (such as weekly club race nights), you may join a stand-alone regatta. Once a crew has committed to a regular ongoing series of racing, you may not compete with a different group.*

Where can I get more information?

*Information on the public health best practices with COVID is available from the Public Health websites such as: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html>*

*As COVID relates to sailing, Ontario Sailing maintains a COVID webpage*

*<https://ontariosailing.ca/news/covid-19-information/>*

*To ensure you are getting up to date and accurate information, please only reference Ontario-based information from well researched and professional sources.*