

We hope that you are healthy & safe during this most extraordinary period. There are two important things that we would like to share with you:

The 2020 Atlantic Nationals on August 20th - The Atlantic Class Rules Committee has been closely monitoring the issues caused by the COVID 19 pandemic and is communicating with the hosts of our 2020 Nationals on a regular basis. While it's impossible to predict the future, the folks at Cold Spring Harbor Beach Club are diligently moving forward with the intention of hosting our Nationals in late August. All indications are that the sailing season will have a delayed start at almost every venue throughout the northeast and that on its own may cause us to change our plans. The Rules Committee hopes to finalize a decision about the 2020 Nationals by June 1st. Please don't hesitate to share any thoughts and concerns that you might have with your favorite RC member.

Atlantic Class Boat Weight - After years of data collection, analysis, and discussion; the Atlantic Class Rules Committee has adopted the following guideline:

An Atlantic hull with all wood trim & deck hardware but free of water and with no rigging or sailing equipment on board with the exception of an electric bilge pump & battery shall weigh a minimum of 4,635 pounds and a maximum of 4,825 and that the owner shall add or remove adequate trim ballast lead required to meet this new weight guideline. The weighing of a boat shall be done with the supervision of a Rules Committee member in a controlled environment (free of significant wind) and be properly recorded with the Atlantic Class.

Over the years it has been determined that some boats have gained or lost weight due to various reasons. In some cases, the change in weight is significant. This new guideline has been created to allow all boats to come closer together in weight and help maintain the integrity of our one-design. Our intention, as we gather more data this season, is to further expand on the process of weighing the boat with specific equipment so that we can more easily weigh and check for compliance. At that time, the Rules Committee will propose an amendment to the Class Rules regarding boat weights. Please don't hesitate to share any thoughts and concerns that you might have with your favorite RC member.

Please stay well!

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