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Jon Farrar
Race Director
Sarnia Yacht Club

Re: Sarnia Yacht Club and Port Huron Yacht Club 2021 racing season.

For clarification purposes, the exemption below is in the event pandemic restrictions are lifted by the Canadian Government. At this time foreign national boaters are not permitted to enter Canadian waters for discretionary or optional reasons.

In the spirit of facilitation for the 2021 racing season, SYC and PHYC committee boats will be allowed to once again drop anchor in areas that may be deemed Canadian waters when pandemic restrictions are lifted. In light of safety concerns due to the international shipping lanes and the actual location of the international boundary, committee boats will be exempt from normal Canada Border Services Agency telephone reporting procedures. For the purposes of race day events, committee boats will be considered to be “in transit” through Canadian waters thereby exempting the normal reporting requirements to the Canada Border Services Agency.

Due to the current pandemic all guidelines issued by the Canadian Government and the Public Health Agency of Canada must be followed that are in place at the time of any event.

This letter will be considered a written form of acknowledgement of the above exemption. A copy of this letter must be in the possession of a committee member on race days for the 2021 season.

As with past procedures, this letter does not provide authority to circumvent the laws or legislation of any Canadian Law Enforcement Agency. This letter is provided for the specific purposes of the 2021 racing season. All volunteers on board any committee boats must be in possession of valid citizenship identification such as a passport or birth certificate and will be subject to normal reporting requirements outside of racing events where the master must report in by calling from a designated Telephone Reporting Site. The phone number is 1-888-CANPASS (1-888-226-7277).

If you require any further information please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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