



# BRIGHTON MARINA YACHT CLUB

June 2020

## Lockdown newsletter 3



Hello all

**Club House** While we have been closed we've used the opportunity to refresh and alter the Club House. I am sure you will appreciate the improvements when we open.

There are some indications that the restrictions will be altered in early July, which may allow us to re-open. However, it is likely that we will have to make some strict distancing and capacity rules. The new requirements have still not been provided by Government, so we are still in the dark on how we are to operate. Consultation with the new hospitality Licensee (information about them in due course) will deal with that. It seems likely that spending the evening leaning on the bar will become a distant memory, but we will just have to find new ways to relax and enjoy ourselves.

We continue to listen to every Government pronouncement to monitor the developing situation.

**Racing** Government advice on sports participation, and sailing specifically is changing too, although very slowly. I'm sure that all the racers are keeping abreast of developments. Currently, crew limits and distancing guidelines mean that multi-crew racing, as we do it in Brighton, is still not possible. I guess we are all envious of the few yachts with family or small crews that have been able to go out.

We have set up a working party to make sure that we are 'Covid-19' compliant when we re-start racing. See p 2 for more info on racing plans from the Race Committee

**Board News** Robert Stiles has stood down from the Board, and from being Rear Commodore Racing, because of other obligations. His advice and informed approach will be missed. He is succeeded by Greg Driver, known for his virtual racing and (compared with some of the Board) youthful energy. We wish him well.

**Membership** We are still grateful to you all who renewed your membership, and we will make sure that you will not be disadvantaged in comparison to those who let it lapse.

Stay well. Let's hope we can be sailing and socialising again soon.

Michael Holmes, Commodore



## Life after lockdown -

### BMYC Breakout, Pop-up Regatta

After a long period away from the water we are thinking about life after lockdown. As we told you in the May newsletter the BMYC Race Committee have started planning the BMYC Breakout, a Pop-up Regatta that will be our way of making sure everyone can see Brighton is still a centre for great yacht racing.

Over the last few weeks the Race Committee have been meeting online to outline our approach and get ourselves in gear. We know you want to get back to it and we want to mark the occasion with some intense high-quality racing with lots of chances to compete and win.

The Race Committee intend that the Regatta will be scheduled three weeks from the receipt of advice and guidance from government or sporting bodies (RYA) that is in favour of a return to Club racing. This is to allow boats time to organise and to prepare prior to the event.

In the case of poor tidal conditions in the Marina on the scheduled date the event will be moved one additional week (four weeks) from the receipt of favourable advice. In the event of foul weather the event will be postponed by one week. If possible three to five days notice will be given of a postponement due to adverse conditions.

As soon as the Government and sporting bodies (RYA) indicate it's acceptable to return to racing we want to be ready and get you out sailing again. We'll be back to you with more information by email as soon as we're able to move on with the plans.



**Warning** we have had reports of boats released from lockdown grounding in the marina entrance... take extra care when going in or out (including appropriate social distancing of course !)

The large dredger is due to start work very soon, with the priority being the entrance channel. It would be a good idea to keep abreast of 'Notice to Mariners' issued by Premier, for information on the channel and dredging activities. It would seem, from some boats' recent experience, that the deep water channel closely follows the red lateral markers in the entrance. Please take great care when using the channel to give boats with deep keels room to manoeuvre, maybe on the wrong side of the navigation marks.

**Special offer to all our members from Powerboat & RIB Magazine.**

They normally send free courtesy copies of POWERBOAT & RIB magazine to our club for our members to enjoy.

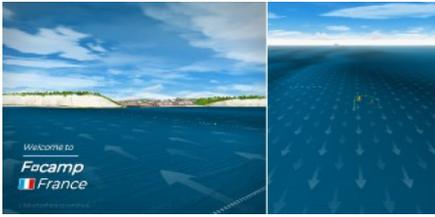
However, due to COVID-19, they are printing a limited number of copies, and they appreciate that our members will not be able to attend the yacht club premises for the time being. So see below for their offer.



“During hard times, it is important for us all to focus on positive things for our own mental well being, and reading about something we are passionate about is a great way to do that.

Powerboat & RIB are hoping to provide you with just such material and as part of their #keepboatingalive campaign they have made their magazine available via a FREE DIGITAL EDITION SUBSCRIPTION. This is a turning page digital version which can be read on your PC, MAC, tablet or smartphone. This free subscription also includes access to years of back issues free of charge.

Grab yours now at: <https://www.powerboatandrib.com/free-digital-edition/>  
We hope you enjoy the magazines and wish you all to stay safe navigating the waters ahead. “



## Virtual Racing Update - our fleet is growing - but we still have room for you

We have been having virtual races in the absence of physical racing! We have our own exclusive BMYC races. To join in, go to [virtualregatta.com](http://virtualregatta.com) and create yourself a free account if you don't already have one. Once you have an account join in

when our virtual race officer sets a series up on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 and Sunday mornings at 10:00. See below for how to join in. We also now have a sponsor... Craig from White Cloud coffee is giving real prizes to series winners! Thanks Craig!



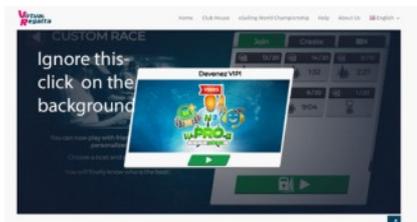
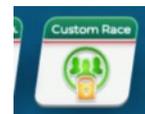
### Go to [virtualregatta.com](http://virtualregatta.com) and create yourself a free account if you don't already have one before following these instructions

To join in:

1 Go to [virtualregatta.com](http://virtualregatta.com) and sign in - wait for the opening shot to end – I find clicking in an irritated fashion all over the screen works well. If it comes up with 2 options, choose 'INSHORE' Then this will appear.



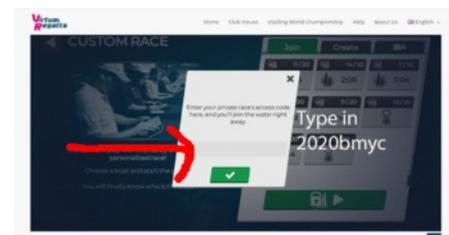
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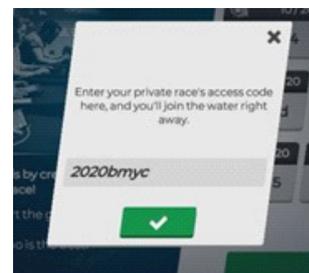
2. This may appear, it invites you to become a VIP, but the club has VIP membership, so click around it somewhere



3. Click on the green padlock icon



4. Enter our password



Then you're in...once the race has been set up. Otherwise it will tell you that you don't have a private race available... just keep trying.

If you are planning to come along, let Janice know on [membership@bmyc.uk](mailto:membership@bmyc.uk) so you can join the WhatsApp group which gives you updates on race days.