



Austin Yacht Club

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Social Committee Report
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Date: September 22, 2020

Social events are on hold until the social distancing order has been lifted and AYC's board of directors determine it is safe to gather all members.

Fall Fling Regatta

Though this was not an official social event, I would like to share some observations.

The Fall Fling Regatta exposed the difficulties of distributing food using volunteers and maintaining guidelines in the kitchen within COVID restrictions. The kitchen is an uncontrolled environment (think of peanut allergies) anyway and continues to be under COVID.

Though I did not see everything, racers seemed to keep within their crews while social distancing from others at distanced picnic tables or back on their boats (for those racers that came ashore to eat). Everyone seemed very respectful of each other.

The regatta did offer a great chance for probationary members to earn points and meet members.

November/December Regattas or Races

Holding any kind of event requires extra cleaning and thoughtful consideration to best manage risks.

If we decide to hold November/December races, we can serve chili or hot soup under the clubhouse and have crews stay 6 ft apart. Timed serving like the centerboard fleet

did would work well in this scenario. It would be best to sanitize the picnic tables between shifts. We would probably want to rent or invest in heaters.

Bottom line, visiting the club is high-risk and requires extra cleaning duty and precautions from the staff. If we go forward with races, an advisor from the COVID advisory committee would be appreciated and helpful to migrate risks.

Kitchen Deep Clean

Now that the temperatures are down, I plan to organize deep cleanings of the kitchen with a small group of volunteers. It exposes the clubhouse to additional contamination; however, the deep cleaning is important. The social committee cabin needs cleaning as well.

Feel free to contact me off-line with any feedback the board would like to offer regarding the above remarks or future events.