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**Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay**

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Subj: RESUMPTION OF PERMITTED MARINE EVENTS: YRA 2020 BLANKET

Ref: (a) Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subchapter G—Regattas and Marine Parades

Dear Ms. Muñoz:

On June 10, 2020, my office received your request to resume previously approved sailing events permitted under the Yacht Racing Association (YRA) 2020 Blanket Permit. As part of the request you submitted to the Waterways Safety (WWS) Branch at U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, you included measures to race safely in accordance with Public Health Orders amid COVID-19. Upon review of the information contained in Enclosure (1), your letter, the WWS Branch has determined that the events listed in Enclosure (2) of this letter, the YRA 2020 Blanket Permit, are allowed to resume.

According to this letter, the Yacht Racing Association is allowed to resume the previously permitted marine events from the YRA 2020 Blanket Permit with the implementation of the additional guidance submitted in Enclosure (1). As the sponsor of these events, you are responsible for:

- a. Overall safety of the event.
- b. Obtaining appropriate permits from the other Federal, State, or Local authorities.
- c. Complying with all existing Federal, State, or local laws and regulations that may impact the ability to hold an event as proposed.

For the awareness of all marine event sponsors, please note the following (not all inclusive):

- a. This letter **does not** exempt the marine event sponsor or participants from any Federal, State, or local laws and regulations, including County no-wake zones. You may be required to obtain additional permits required by applicable local municipalities, the State of California or other Federal agencies.
- b. This letter **does not** grant permission to use any private property that may be impacted by your marine event without the consent of its owner.
- c. This letter **does not** allow closure of any navigable waterway or placement of unapproved buoys associated with your marine event.

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- d. The events scheduled to resume on your YRA 2020 Blanket Permit may be impacted by future developments with Public Health Orders or from feedback received from applicable County, Municipal, or State officials.

In closing, I thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the WWS Branch at [SFMEP@uscg.mil](mailto:SFMEP@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

R. RIVERA  
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief of Prevention  
By direction of the Captain of the Port

Enclosure: (1) YRA Letter to USCG  
(2) YRA 2020 Blanket Permit