



**TO:** Mayor Matt Bugera & Harbor Springs City Council

**FROM:** Little Traverse Yacht Club

**DATE:** June 12, 2020

The Little Traverse Yacht Club would like to share with the Council our plans for this year's 60th Anniversary Ugotta Regatta, scheduled to take place July 24th to 26th. We have redesigned this year's event to comply with all COVID-19 safety rules, guidelines, and best practices—including eliminating all on-shore social activities, among other changes. We are confident that we can successfully and safely run this classic event in the fresh air and water of Little Traverse Bay.

LTYC's highest priority is the health and safety of our competitors and our community. For the past three months, we have been closely monitoring the local and national health guidelines, attending regular sessions from US Sailing (our national governing body), reviewing the current best practices in regatta management, and working with our team of nationally recognized Race Officers to develop a safe regatta plan.

- We have canceled our onshore social events, including the Irish Boat Shop party on Friday night, the post-racing parties at LTYC, and the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Little Traverse Sailors.
- We will work with the Harbormaster and local marinas in Harbor Springs and across the Bay to distribute dockage locations for boats appropriately.
- We will group competitors into smaller classes which will have staggered times to leave the docks, start and end races, and return to docks.
- We will set unique racecourses for each class sending them on long courses covering all corners of the Bay, visible from all shore points.
- We will issue guidance to all crews concerning safe practices and compliance with local orders while on the water and back onshore.

Again, we want to assure you and the Council that we are confident that our planning will allow us to safely run this annual event in a way that will make the LTYC and the City proud. Please feel free to contact me if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Commodore Jack Carruthers