

We all know that recent circumstances have all but put a stop to all of our short range plans. As we deal with the uncertainty of the potential fallout from COVID-19, it becomes apparent what takes priority in life. The safety of our families, friends, and crew is paramount. For most of us, this will be an inconvenience. For others it could present life altering consequences.

At this time, KDWPT is not closing the lake and we will have access to it all year. We will be postponing socials and scheduled club events until circumstances allow us to return to normal. Members will be able to utilize the clubhouse and facilities when the water is turned back on in April. Following the advice of the CDC, we ask that everyone avoid gathering in large groups for the greater safety of all, and maintain personal sanitary conditions in the clubhouse.

The event calendar on our website has the race schedule and social dates and will be updated with more information regarding sailing events and social themes for the season within the next month. The planned upgrade proposal for the clubhouse will be on hold until we can understand the full scope of what the COVID-19 repercussions are.

As we start the roller coaster of weather, finding decent windows to get in some quality prep time will make a difference when it comes down to getting on the water quickly. I will eventually be putting on some more seminars this year to help with techniques and general outlines on how to tackle those larger projects, which on a sailboat is pretty much all of them. Last year I hosted a polishing seminar that had a great turnout and I know many that weren't able to make it would like another chance to see how to bring that chalky gelcoat back to a mirror finish. Throughout the season, I will also be covering fiberglass repair, proper wiring and splicing, roll-and-tip refinishing, and wood refinishing (yes, how to make your brightwork look like it's wrapped in glass, and it isn't as hard or time consuming as it looks).

The website also has the Blog function activated, so I will be putting information on our site as well as the newsletters. These updates will happen frequently to keep members up to speed on current developments.

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