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Sailing - Level 2.5

When I wrote last week it was on the basis that Auckland would go to Level 2 and this would allow groups of up to 100 people as long as they observe some social distancing.

However, the government brought in a new Level 2.5 for Auckland which only allowed groups of 10 people in social gatherings in a defined space:

“””A social gathering in the Auckland region must not exceed 10 people in a defined space at any one time.”””

As it is likely that the sailing will involve more than 10 people it seems that competitive racing may exceed the limitations of Level 2.5. The limiting factor is that the start of a race requires that the sailors gather close to the start line which would be a 'defined space'.

As with the previous lockdown we will need to be in small groups in different defined spaces where we will be able to do casual sailing. We will not be racing the Spring Series this coming weekend, 6th September, Fathers Day, and this will revert to being a 'fun Day' of casual racing. The state of following weekends will be announced later.

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Messages form others:

Tom Clark wrote: I have a feeling Auckland will go into a level 2 with restrictions on gatherings. We won't qualify as a Tangi or funeral so may still be officially limited. Have finally finished my new kit set which will get a run next week.

Kevin Webb wrote: The herald this morning states that Level 2 in Auckland is different to Level 2 in the rest of the country that is gatherings in Auckland are limited to 10 people . I checked the govt site and states the same .Maybe we could have two groups racing two separate course at each end of the pond and swap after three races . Just a thought.

Wayne Carkeek wrote: We were essentially called out by a racer from another club that our plan was not compliant so I think a good idea to publicly alter our plans to comply.

Mike Renner wrote: I think you're right, Wayne, but I think a bit of creative thinking could get us around the requirements, e.g. 2 'bubbles' of 6, if 16 turn up. Or could we split the group on divisional lines? PS. I desperately need a Seawind fix. In my opinion Onepoto trumps Father's Day every time