



PREVENTION AND MITIGATION PLAN TO PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19

RACE WORLD OFFSHORE – OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE MODIFICATION – KEY WEST 2021

1. SCOPE- This plan is in consideration for all participants, racers, fans, RWO staff, vendors and City of Key West employees working for or attending the 2021 RWO World Championship event known as 'Race Week', November 7-14 2021.
2. PURPOSE- The purpose of the plan is to mitigate and have actionable plans in place which can prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
3. BACKGROUND AND RISK ASSESSMENT- The November race week attracts race fans, race teams, support staff, volunteers and engages certain City of Key West employees in activities related to the events. The assessed risk, following current CDC guidelines, for this event, is listed:

● Registration Tent	Med Low
● VIP Tents	Med
● Boat Parade	Low
● Street Party	Med High
● Grandstands	Med Low
● Mallory Square	Low
● Dry Pits – Truman Waterfront Park	Low

4. PLANNED MITIGATION TECHNIQUES – RWO has made plans to adjust and modify normal operating procedures to follow proposed CDC recommendations and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
5. RWO actions prior to and during the RWO World Championships
 - a. Public relations and social media campaign to encourage vaccinations through various message distribution channels.
 - b. Communicate to vendors and partners to practice the same recommendations.
 - c. Encouragement of social distancing, hand sanitizing and mask wearing where possible.
 - d. Practice social distancing and mask wearing at opening day Drivers meeting
 - e. Reduce the scheduled meeting time for the second and third drivers meeting
 - f. Create social distance at team sign-in locations
 - g. Provide social distancing space for staff and guests at event will-call and merchandise tents.
 - h. Enlarge VIP area to create more space for social distancing
 - i. Require VIP caterers and partners to follow strict serving protocols
 - j. Close previous VIP location to eliminate staff overlapping

- k. Increase the number or private Outer Mole vendor tents to improve social distancing
- l. Increase the number of bleachers for adequate space
- m. Communicate to vendors to provide hand sanitation and mask wearing
- n. Utilize old soccer field to space teams further apart
- o. Communicate to teams, vendors and guests with private parties to adhere to restaurant and city COVID Mitigation guidelines.
- p. Increase the entrance and social distancing space for guests entering Outer Mole gate on race days.
- q. Provide a copy of Covid mitigation plans to each race team and vendors upon arrival
- r. Reduce the previous 3 day vendor village to smaller static displays and fewer vendors than 2019
- s. Extend setup timelines to allow vendors more time to set up and not overlap.
- t. RWO will have two physicians on site. Lead physician will communicate routinely with the director at Lower Keys Medical of any medical concerns or updates.
- u. Move Sunday awards ceremony to open green space in Truman Annex
- v. Train event staff on prevention and mitigation practices.
- w. Collect and maintain a list of staff, teams, partners and vendors to support COVID-19 contact tracing.
- x. Give reminders to observe social distance before, during, and after events through RWO EZ Alert system
- y. Install hand washing and sanitizing stations in high-traffic areas.
- z. Establish a separate and isolated staging area for individuals who may become ill while onsite
- aa. Engage influencers early on to encourage safe attendance through social media and other channels. Make sure that all partners are sharing consistent messages.
- bb. RWO to consider using mobile cell phone wifi accessed data to help determine the number of attendees. This is possible with RWO internet partners.

Based on CDC recommendations RWO

- a. The Street Party is scored Med high risk in terms of probability and threat based on past experience. It is also one of the most important features of Race Week. RWO shall request to the City of Key West that the static boat displays on the street be *extended* from Duval, up Greene Street to the intersection of Simonton and Greene.

Having the boats spread further apart, at a greater distance allows for people to spread out and enjoy the space between the boats this plan affords.

One of the reasons for the Med High risk score comes from the volume of pedestrians traveling from the Street Party on Duval to go to and from the Florida

Powerboat Club. By extending the footprint down Greene Street, based on past attendance, there will be a reduction of crowding.

- b. Tents and Grandstands – RWO shall request additional grandstands to be placed on the Outer Mole. The controls for grand stand shall be a limited capacity with diagonally created spacing for seating. The tents are controllable as RWO creates and shall enforce the seating plans to conform with distancing requirements set forth for restaurants. This plan may be subject to change to allow for a fluctuation in CDC recommendations at that time.
- c. Queues for food, drinks, merchandise and tickets operated by RWO shall be prepared with visual marks and signage based on CDC recommendations at that time. RWO shall trickle down these requirements to all vendors participating in the event.

The RWO World Championships is fortunately an outdoor and on water event that naturally takes up large areas. Large sporting events, festivals and concerts as recent as this July in Chicago and this August in New York city, have proven not to be “covid spreader” if the proper procedures are followed.

RWO is also following the suggestions of the CDC Large Event recommendations.

- Review relevant local/state regulatory agency policies and orders, such as those related to events, gatherings, and travel.
- Consult local health officials about recommended COVID-19 testing policies for events and gatherings.
- Develop a plan to allow for social distancing before, during, and after the event (e.g., limiting attendance and modifying layouts before the event, providing physical barriers during the event and staggering exit times after the event).
- If attendance is open to staff and guests from other communities, inform attendees in advance so they can make an informed decision whether they will participate.
- Develop online attendance options in addition to in-person attendance to help reduce the number of attendees at the event.
- Develop a flexible refund policy.
- Designate a staff person responsible for responding to all COVID-19 related situations and concerns. Make sure other staff and attendees know how to contact this person.

Events and Gatherings: Readiness and Planning Tool

For accessible version, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

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