

## North American Rear Commodore Report 2020

This past sailing season of 2020 was very short lived. A few boats made it to Davis Island YC for the annual midwinter regatta in early March and sailed in honour of Mike McEvoy who faithfully made the trip from Ottawa every year. Mike, who was our long standing secretary of CFA, died unexpectedly in October.

By the beginning of April it was apparent in both Canada and the US that this year's sailing calendar would not be a go. All Events were cancelled and in some jurisdictions club houses remained closed to their members so as not to encourage any gatherings and to keep everyone safe. In some areas, boats were allowed out to sail with a restriction on how many and in others, this was postponed until July, leaving some of us with a very short season. Rules were also imposed with crews needing to be from the same household or members of each other's 15 person "bubble". This kept some people off the water entirely especially if you had any underlying health problems which would have put you at greater risk of being infected and certainly, unable to even consider driving to be with other sailors.

We are all hopeful this pandemic will turn around soon and life can return to normal.

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