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2020 Figawi Events  
49th Annual Figawi Race and 34th Annual Figawi Ball

Hyannis, MA: The Figawi Organization, a non-profit on Cape Cod that hosts the well-known sailing regatta held during Memorial Day Weekend, announced the cancellation of the 3 day event this year due to the social distancing measures ordered by Governor Baker in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is the first time in the regatta's 49 year history that the annual event will not take place. Figawi and Nantucket Officials had been collaborating on the best course of action to ensure public safety even before the official ban. Once the mandate came down from the state, Nantucket officials took the additional step of cancelling all permits for events scheduled until July 1. The Figawi Race attracts over 200 sailboats each year, with a kickoff party/registration held Friday night at Hyannis Yacht Club, a distance race on Saturday from the area off Hyannisport Jetty to the entrance to Nantucket Harbor, and land events held on island Saturday night through Sunday night.

"The safety and health of our participants and Nantucket residents is the priority" Shelley Hill, Executive Director Figawi Charities Inc. "We are already excited about next year's race weekend which will be our 50th Annual, plenty of time to plan an EPIC year of events."

This following Figawi events have also been canceled or will be rescheduled:

- The Figawi High School Invitational, competitive regatta between teams from 14 MA High Schools held off the Nantucket Boat Basin docks on Sunday.
- Warrior Figawi, the program hosts veterans from around the US to participate in all events during Memorial Day Weekend
- The 34th Annual Figawi Charity Ball held annually the weekend before Race Weekend has been postponed until the Fall

Figawi Race participants and Ball ticket holders have been given the following options regarding their paid entry fees:

- Roll to next year's Race Weekend or for the rescheduled Ball later this year
- Donate and receive a tax receipt
- Refund

The news of the cancellation has spread through social media quickly. Figawi is working on contacting all stakeholders including its amazing slate of sponsors in the next few days. They are also working on plans to host the first annual Fall Figawi tentatively scheduled for September.

**About Figawi Charities Inc:** Figawi began in 1971 as a challenge between friends to see who would win a sailboat race from Baxter's Boathouse, Hyannis Harbor to Nantucket Harbor. Figawi Charities Inc a 501c3 was formed in 1987 to harness the strength of the brand to make a difference in the community.

To learn more about the Figawi Organization, including its mission and events, click here [figawi.com](http://figawi.com)