

## **COVID-19 Plan for reopening the Newport Yacht Club**

This COVID-19 NYC reopening plan was developed with input from key NYC officers, committees and staff. It shall be in place to promote health and safety of our members and staff. It is based on Rhode Island law and direction provided by the RI Governor, RI DEM, and the Newport Harbormaster. It will be monitored and enforced - Bartenders, Club Managers (Steward, Bar, Office, Dock), House Chair, Float & Dock Chair, and Commodores have authority and responsibility to enforce. As guidance from State government evolves to ease restrictions, this plan will be revised accordingly. This plan will be sent to all members and posted on the Club premises.

### **Overarching guidance**

- The NYC will reopen on a limited basis once Newport city restaurants or bars are permitted to reopen.
- House hours will be 1600 – 2100 hrs Wednesday through Sunday. Club will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Until the mandatory quarantine for out of state residents is relaxed, only Rhode Island residents are permitted to use the Club. Rhode Island residents who wintered out of state may come to the Club or marina after completing the required 14 day self quarantine upon arrival in RI.
- Entrance to the Clubhouse will be through the Main Deck door. All other doors are for emergency exit only.
- No one may come to the Club that is not feeling well or has been in contact with someone symptomatic.
- Social distancing is to be observed at all times – 6 feet.
- Face coverings or masks are to be worn by staff and members; members to provide their own mask/covering.
- Only Members and/or spousal members will be permitted in Clubhouse; no guests or reciprocity is allowed.
- Staff and/or security will function as “House Monitors” to verify occupancy, masks, and distancing requirements.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations and in restrooms.
- Restrooms and all high touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected 2 times per day.
- First floor outside deck will have seating arranged to maintain social distancing requirements.
- The May General Membership Meeting is postponed until further notice.
- Commissioning Day is canceled.
- Professional services and contractors working within our facility are permitted entry.

### **Lounge:**

- The lounge will be relocated to the Main Deck with seating arranged to maintain social distancing. Members are not to move tables and chairs.
- Occupancy of the Main Deck lounge will be limited as determined by clearly marked seating designations.
- Member time in Lounge will be limited to 2 hours so more members can access service.
- The lounge is directed to serve in single use plastics only. No glassware. No exceptions. This includes mixed drinks, liquor and wine. Bottled beer is acceptable.
- Limited Lounge hours will be in effect: 1600 – 2100 hrs.
- One bartender will be working at a time.
- The upstairs lounge will be closed.
- All liquor, wine and beer deliveries to have boxes disinfected before being put into storage.
- All fruit/garnishes to be cleaned/disinfected to the best extent possible.
- No minors will be permitted on the Main Deck during hours when alcohol is being served.

### **Rest of House**

- All gatherings or tables are limited as determined by clearly marked seating designations.
- No food to is to be served or brought in; no use of Galley permitted.
- All Showers and Laundry to be closed.
- No additional seating or tables are to be taken from storage closets.
- No access to garage by members is permitted.
- No access to the Club computer or printer will be allowed.
- Security will be on duty to help with monitoring compliance.

## Docks and Marina

- The daily use of our marina is limited to RI resident seasonal slip holders only.
- No transient dockage is permitted, regardless of membership status or prior reservations.
- No dock hands will be available to help tie up boats until further notice.
- Seasonal slip holders who are out of state residents or RI residents who stored their boat out of state and want to bring their boat to the Club will be required to quarantine all crew and passengers upon arrival for 14 days per guidance issued by the DEM to RI harbormasters. They may quarantine in their home if a RI resident, otherwise quarantine aboard the vessel is required. Seasonal slip holders who choose to do this must register with the Department of Health (401-222-8022; Help.ri.gov; HEALTH.RI.GOV/FORMS/SURVEYS/NYSURVEY/) when they arrive at the NYC as well as check in with the Newport Harbormaster. The vessel will also need to fly the IMSF LIMA flag (letter "L") while the crew is in quarantine. Options include waiting until restrictions are lifted, hiring a USCG licensed captain from the yard where the vessel is stored to deliver your vessel to the NYC, or having the boat delivered to and launched in RI by a licensed hauler. If you cannot meet these requirements, do not bring your boat to the NYC marina. Note that if you are a USCG licensed captain residing in RI with a boat stored at an out of state yard and not employed by that yard, you will have to follow the 14 day quarantine order, notify the Department of Health and the Harbormaster upon arrival, as well as flying the IMSF LIMA flag while in quarantine.
- Out of state residents may not come to the marina to work on their boat unless they are prepared to quarantine aboard the vessel for 14 days.
- Travel time for boats coming from out of state is not being taken into account for the 14 day quarantine period.
- Please call ahead to verify your slip is available.
- Members using docks must ensure no gatherings or congregating occurs and to maintain social distance
- Only RI-resident members and immediate household members are allowed on their boats. Family members not living with the member and guests are not permitted.
- Dockwa reservations will not be accepted.

## Launch Operation

- The launch will operate on a limited schedule starting early May. A date is not available at this time as the launch is still on the hard and is blocked by other boats stored for the winter. Please call ahead if you will need launch service to verify *Patience* is in the water. Please expect delays as we are operating with limited staff.
- Hours of operation will be limited from 0900 to 1700, Wednesday to Sunday only.
- Both masks and gloves are required to board the launch.
- 6ft. of social distancing is to be maintained at all times. There will be designated spots marked on the launch where you are limited to stay in order to keep the necessary 6ft. between people.
- Do not board the vessel until instructed by the captain.
- The maximum number of people per ride in or out is 3; the maximum number of rides per person per day is 1 (1 ride out and 1 ride in).
- The maximum number of rides per vessel per day is 2. This means there is a maximum of 6 people the launch can bring to any vessel, subject to the 3 person max per run. Please plan well – there will be no exceptions.
- The captain cannot assist in holding, passing, or touching any personal belongings of any passenger - you are responsible for your belongings.
- If you have a dinghy, please use that if you need to make any extra trips to and from the Club.
- There will be temporary rules for tying up dinghies which are as follows:
  - You may tie up your dinghy in the designated slip: SW 1/2
  - There is to be no more than 3 dinghies in the slip at any time - the slip is first come, first served
  - Maximum stay is 30 minutes
  - Any extended stay will result in charges (31minutes – 1 hour is a \$15 charge and every half hour after is an additional \$10)
- FYI : The club is still seeking licensed volunteers (limited master captain's license, CPR, First Aid, etc.) to help with driving this year. If you are interested, please talk to either Rudy, club manager, or Dani, dock master and we can discuss further with you the opportunities and expectations of role of volunteer.

## Racing events

- The Mitchell Memorial Day Regatta is canceled.
- Decisions regarding the cancelation of the Marine Adventure Camp and Regatta Summer Racing series are pending updated guidance from the State of Rhode Island as COVID-19 restrictions are adjusted going forward.

### **East and West Decks**

- The East Deck will be closed.
- The West Deck will be closed.

### **Parking Lot**

- Social distancing guidelines apply to members' use of parking lot.
- Registration tags/license plates of all vehicles entering the Newport Yacht Club are being monitored by video.
- No impromptu parties/gatherings in the parking lot are permitted.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we understand the inconvenience this COVID-19 pandemic has caused for us all. We all share in the difficulties caused by this crisis. It is incumbent upon us all to follow this plan to the best extent possible when visiting the Club to promote safety and compliance with requirements levied upon us by the state. Please monitor yourself and be respectful of each other, especially if you are cautioned if a minor transgression of the requirements occurs. For non Rhode Island residents, please know that we sympathize with you and understand your frustration during this time when you are not permitted to come to the Club. We remain optimistic that these guidelines will be relaxed and/or lifted soon. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance during these times of restrictive but necessary measures.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc. All NYC members, NYC web site, Club Steward