



SHEDIAC BAY YACHT CLUB

2020 Boating Season

COVID-19 OPERATIONAL SAFETY PLAN

Overview

The global COVID-19 pandemic is expected to continue for many months and health-related restrictions on where, and how, we work and play will be part of the future. However, given the current COVID-19 case numbers and transmission rates in New Brunswick, we have begun to see a gradual easing of such restrictions as long as the outbreak remains at a level our healthcare system can manage. The purpose of this plan is to outline the actions required by the Club, its staff and members which are necessary to support a safe operation of our facilities for the 2020 season. It is intended to conform to relevant public health guidance and comply with the provincial legislation, regulations and directives. It is also intended to be preventative and to consider the changing context and possible subsequent waves of infection.

Specifically, the goal of this plan is to help keep our members, staff and visitors healthy and safe, and ensure operational continuity by:

- Promoting practices that prevent people from contracting the COVID-19 virus;
- Minimizing the likelihood of the virus entering our facilities and causing illness; and
- Minimizing the likelihood of contamination/transmission of the virus within our facilities and maximizing mitigation.

The plan relies on members and staff to exercise good judgment and safe practices. While the Club has adopted a cooperative approach to compliance with the plan, any obvious disregard to policies or public health guidelines that could compromise the safety of our people, may be subject to disciplinary action.

The plan is a living document and will be reviewed and updated from time-to-time based on the changing regulatory context, new information and feedback. It should not be assumed that the plan will be applicable to members and staff permanently and is subject to change. Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to the Club Manager or any member of the Bridge.

Subject to the provisions of this plan, the Club and its facilities will endeavour to operate as smoothly as possible in the “new normal” of 2020. Members are reminded, however, that the Club’s operations are subject to potential regulatory restriction by the Province in the future, including an order to close, should a resurgence of COVID 19 occur.

Disinfectant Supplies

- The Club will have an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels or tissue. All washrooms must include soap, paper towels and tissues.
- All common areas must include close access to disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer and paper towels or tissues.
- The inventory of disinfectant supplies will be managed or monitored by the Club Manager. The Club will maintain a supply of face masks and disposable gloves on site for use by staff.
- Members will be responsible to maintain own supply of face masks and gloves on their boats for use by themselves and their guests.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The Club requires that staff, members and guests wear the appropriate PPE where:

- Physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) cannot be maintained;
- The individual has broad exposure to other members of the Club or visitors;
- There is a higher risk an individual may have been exposed to the virus or is displaying symptoms.

Masks

Masks are to be used when physical distancing cannot be maintained or if the individual's job function requires them to interact with a broader number of people. The Club will supply fabric masks to staff and these must be washed daily. Members are responsible for ensuring masks are available for themselves and their guests.

Please note these are not medical masks they are intended to block transmission of your respiratory droplets to others in an effort to not spread the virus. These masks will not protect you from getting the virus from others. Therefore it is important you continue to follow preventative measures such as frequent hand washing, not touching your face and physical distancing.

Gloves (disposable vinyl or nitrile)

Gloves are not a requirement for members and guests on their own boat, but if used, should be changed after every use. Staff will wear gloves when it is necessary for them to come in contact with members or their boats. Wearing gloves does not eliminate the need for frequent hand washing. Individuals should be mindful not to touch their face while wearing gloves, or otherwise. A supply of gloves will be made available for staff. Members are responsible for ensuring gloves are available for themselves and their guests.

Physical Distancing Protocol

Physical distancing is an effective practice to avoid potential infection simply by maintaining a safe distance away from other individuals. In practice this means:

- Staying 2 metres (6 feet) away from others;
- Avoiding gatherings greater than 10 people;
- Eliminating contact with others such as handshakes or embracing;
- Avoid touching surfaces touched by others where feasible;
- Avoid anyone who appears to be ill, or is coughing or sneezing.

All staff, members and guests must follow the physical distancing protocol. Physical distancing is not limited to the Club's building, parking lot and grounds, but is applicable to the docks and members' boats as well. Members are responsible for ensuring any guests are familiar with, and follow, the physical distancing rules.

Self-Quarantining

Individuals must remain off Club property and away from their boat for 14 days if COVID-19 symptoms are present, if they have directly been exposed to COVID-19 or if a test shows positive results. Such individuals should avoid leaving home if possible.

Symptoms and Self-Monitoring Protocol

Those who are infected by COVID-19 may have little or no symptoms. You may not know you have symptoms because they are similar to a cold or a flu. Symptoms can include:

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever above 38 degrees
- Running nose
- Difficulty breathing
- Headache
- New onset of fatigue
- New onset of muscle pain
- Loss of sense of taste or smell

Symptoms may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to COVID-19. This is the longest known incubation period for the disease. If you have returned from travel outside of the Province, you must self-isolate for 14 days and remain off Club property.

Docking Vessels

Members will be responsible for ensuring they have sufficient and knowledgeable assistance to safely dock their boat. If assistance from staff is requested, staff will be wearing gloves and a mask. It will be crucial for members to recognize limits to communication which masks may create and compensate accordingly.

Traditionally, members assist their “neighbours” to depart and dock their vessels. Members must recognize this assistance may not be available this season and anyone offering such assistance must be mindful of maintaining physical distancing and/or wearing appropriate PPE.

The Docks

Our docks are not two meters wide and it is not possible to pass other boaters on the docks and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Care must be taken in this common situation. Accordingly, it will be necessary for one party or the other to move aside and avoid this close contact by stepping off the closest finger pier and allowing the other to pass. Again, good manners and common sense will go a long way in these situations, but the initial rule is that the person heading out on the docks (i.e. moving from the gate toward their boat) will have the right of way, so to speak. The exceptions to this will be if someone has a cart (or carrying a load) or if small children are involved.

Clubhouse

Washrooms in the Clubhouse will be open for use by members and guests and will be cleaned and sanitized hourly. Showers will be closed and not available for the 2020 season.

Physical distancing/PPE rules apply in the Clubhouse and personal interactions with staff.

Social Events

Unfortunately, all Club social events are cancelled for the 2020 season.

Enforcement

The Bridge and the membership as a whole recognize the need to follow what are, in the end, relatively light restrictions which are neither new nor unusual to us. The protocols outlined in this plan are applicable in other aspects of our lives, from going to get groceries, to the rules applicable to our workplace. It is, however, crucial that everyone strictly follow the protocols for safety and security of staff, members and guests. Good faith and common sense will go a long way toward a safe, fun and successful boating season for all.

With that said, anyone who fails to follow protocols and respect physical distancing will face swift sanction from the Club up to, and including, restricting their access to the Club’s property and facilities. We have no doubt members will display good faith and respect to others, but we also want members to have confidence that when they come to their boat and enjoy the Club’s facilities there are rules in place and those rules will be respected and enforced.