



COVID-19 Control Plan for reopening the Newport Yacht Club

This Board of Directors approved COVID-19 NYC reopening plan [is based on Rhode Island law and direction provided by the RI Governor, RI DEM, and the Newport Harbormaster](#). It is evolving as conditions allow and is maintained by a special subcommittee consisting of the House and Float & Dock Chairs, Club Steward, [one member-at-large, the Vice-Commodore](#), and the Commodore. It shall be in place to promote the 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. To maintain communications to membership, updates to this plan will be posted weekly on the NYC web site. This plan will be posted on the Club premises.

Overarching guidance

- The NYC will reopen on a limited basis ~~when permitted. No outlook date is available at this time tentatively on 1 June based on the latest guidance provided by the RI Governor.~~
- When the Club reopens, House hours will be ~~1600-0800~~ – 2100 hrs ~~Wednesday through Sunday. Club will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays~~. This is subject to change as conditions allow.
- Until the mandatory quarantine for out of state residents is relaxed (tentatively on ~~5-1~~ June), only Rhode Island resident [members](#) will be permitted to use the Clubhouse. Rhode Island resident [members](#) who wintered out of state may come to the Clubhouse after completing the required 14 day self quarantine upon arrival in RI. [It is anticipated that out of state members may come to the Club after 1 June if the member home state does not have a stay-at-home order in place.](#)
- Access to the Clubhouse will be through the Main Deck door so that an accurate occupancy headcount can be maintained. All other doors are for emergency exit only.
- All members entering the Clubhouse will be required to sign in with their name, date, and time and also indicate the time they left to facilitate contact tracing should the need arise. This is necessary as the Club is required to have a plan in place in the event of an outbreak to facilitate contact tracing.
- 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 Rhode Island Members and/or Rhode Island spousal members will be permitted in Clubhouse; no guests or reciprocity is allowed. [This is anticipated to be lifted on 1 June for members coming from a state that no longer has a stay-at-home order in place.](#)
- All gatherings are limited to 5 people until ~~22 May~~ [1 June when gatherings are expected to be limited to 15 persons.](#)
- Staff and/or security will function as “House Monitors” to verify occupancy, masks, and distancing requirements.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations.
- Restrooms and all high touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected ~~2 times per day~~ [every 2 hours](#).
- 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 (will be closed until the Clubhouse is permitted to reopen)

- 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 containers 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. This is subject to change as conditions allow.
- 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. Use of bathroom is permitted if accompanied by an adult member.

Rest of House

- All gatherings or tables are limited as determined by clearly marked seating designations.
- A limited menu will be available [when the lounge reopens](#). No food is to be brought in; no member use of Galley permitted.
- Laundry will 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.

Restrooms

- The back door to the Clubhouse will be open from [0900-0800](#) – [1500-1700](#) hrs for access to the Women's and Men's rooms. [Rhode Island members with keys can access the restrooms 24/7. The handicap restroom will be closed until further notice.](#)
- Soap, hand sanitizer and wipes will be available. Additionally, a hand sanitizer station will be placed just inside the rear door of the Club so that members can sanitize their hands before entering the restroom. Members are urged to take all sanitary precautions.
- Showers will be closed and unavailable for use until further notice.
- Masks must be worn at all times when accessing the rest rooms.

Docks and Marina

- The daily use of our marina is limited to RI resident seasonal slip holders or non-resident seasonal slip holders working on their boats only. Nonresidents must return to their home state after they complete their work. Nonresidents cannot enter the Clubhouse. [It is anticipated this restriction will be lifted on 1 June for member slip-holders coming from a state without a stay-at-home order in place.](#)
- Transient dockage is permitted for members only who are Rhode Island residents.
- ~~No dock hands will be available to help tie up boats until further notice due to staffing limitations.~~
- Please call ahead to verify your slip is available.
- Members using docks must ensure no gatherings or congregating occurs and to maintain social distance
- Dockwa reservations will not be accepted.
- There will be temporary rules for tying up dinghies which are as follows:
 - You may tie up your dinghy in the designated slip: SW ½ (directly in front of dockhouse)
 - 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)

Launch Operation

- The launch ~~will operate~~ [is running](#) on a limited schedule ~~starting early May. Please expect delays as we are operating with limited staff.~~
- Hours of operation will be limited from [0900 to 1500](#) [0800 - 1745](#) hrs, ~~Wednesday to Sunday only~~. This is subject to change as conditions allow.
- ~~Both masks and gloves~~ [Masks](#) 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.~~
- ~~If you have a dinghy, please use that if you need to make any extra trips to and from the Club.~~
- The captain cannot assist in holding, passing, or touching any personal belongings of any passenger - you are responsible for your belongings.

- 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 will be made by 29 May](#) pending updated guidance from the State of Rhode Island as COVID-19 restrictions are adjusted going forward.

Decks

- The upper East Deck will be closed.
- The lower East and South Decks will be open. [Tables and chairs are positioned to maintain social distancing. Groups are limited to 5 persons max until 1 June when the limit is expected to increase to 15 persons..](#)
- The West Deck will be closed. No one is to use the fire escape.

Parking Lot

- Social distancing guidelines apply to members' use of parking lot.
- No impromptu parties/gatherings in the parking lot are permitted.

Other

- In the event a positive case has been diagnosed, the Steward will call the Department of Health at 401.222.8022 (or 211 after hours) to assist in contact tracing and to provide further information.
- The COVID-19 Control Plan template provided by the State of Rhode Island (reopeningri.com) which has been executed is incorporated in this plan by reference.

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. [Please know that this plan is led and managed by the Club leadership and executed by the staff for your safety.](#) 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 into the Clubhouse. This is required by Rhode Island law. We remain optimistic that these guidelines will be relaxed and/or lifted [see on 1 June](#). Thank you for your cooperation and compliance during these times of restrictive but necessary measures.

Approved by the Board of Directors 30 April 2020.

Revised by the COVID-19 Control Plan Sub-committee:

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