

May 16, 2020

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

W.A. Ward

Dear Members,

As we adjust our sails, the realities of operations during the coming season are challenging us on many fronts. As many of you know, the first two attempts to get the docks in were thwarted by COVID and the weather. We are trying again soon!

The BOD has *unanimously* adopted the following procedures after contacts with other organizations and agencies that are in the same boat. On behalf of the Board, we are indebted to the members who have forwarded notices, letters, and other informational communications for us to consider as we develop guidance for PYC. These documents have informed our way forward and we are grateful for the assistance.

Some of the answers below may not be ideal or in line with everyone's thinking about how things should be done. The BOD is committed to keeping everyone safe, following the guidance of local and state officials, and operating the Club to benefit the members. Therefore, we ask you to keep a few things in mind as we open marina services:

Evidence of violations of the guidance outlined below and in the Q & A may result in curtailment of services, disciplinary action, or both.

Masks will be required for everyone on Club property, including the launch.

There is no congregating on the decks, pier, or docks.

Services will come online as soon as possible. For example, your slip may not immediately have water or electricity.

Please keep the information and encouraging notes coming to the BOD, Officers, and staff. We are stronger together!

My very best to each of you,
Pat Dowey, Commodore

1.) What is the status of the social calendar?

All June events are cancelled. Many other organizations have closed their entire social season or cancelled them at least until September. Since our events are mostly member driven, we may be able to have some as the summer goes on. We

stay optimistic about the possibility of opening the Clubhouse in the future to some extent.

2.) What is the status of the Clubhouse?

The Clubhouse remains closed until further notice.

a.) Regrettably, this means no decks, no grills, no kitchen, no bar, etc. will be available for use while the Clubhouse is closed. The main entrance to the Club proper will be closed off and all access points locked. Members can use the side gate with the code pad to access the docks

b.) The Steward is the only person who will have access for the sole purpose of conducting business that cannot be done remotely.

c.) There is a plan to have the bathrooms and dumpster accessible to the members only during the hours the launch is running. (details follow)

3.) When and under what conditions will the launch start operating?

a.) The launch will start operations the day after the docks are in. Initially, the hours will be 9AM to 6PM. As the weather warms and the boat traffic picks up, it is anticipated the hours will be extended 8AM- 8PM, as in the past.

b.) Masks will be required for everyone on Club property, including the launch.

c.) There will be two people allowed on the launch with the driver at one time. The only exception to this will be for extended family households. Specifically, no local or house guests or non-household family will be allowed on the launch.

4.) What services will be available when the launch is running?

We expect fuel sales, ice, and utilities to be online shortly after or at the time the launch is operational. In the past two weeks, there has been good progress in the running of utilities along the pier and into the dock house.

The bathrooms will be open, to members only, through the front door only. The front door will remain locked at all times. Members can access the bathrooms using their key. A professional (deep) cleaning will be done upon the initial opening of the bathrooms and then the staff will be trained to continue a cleaning protocol every two hours. The use of the bathrooms will be *At Your Own Risk*.

The dumpster area will remain locked. Staff will have a key to the outside gate to allow members to dispose of their trash coming off their boats.

5.) Will I be able to take the launch to my mooring in Maine? I am unsure after reading the Kittery Harbormasters letter about quarantine requirements.

The Kittery Harbormaster's letter refers to boaters who access their boats from the Maine shore. It also strictly prohibits 'transient', (out-of state) boaters from coming ashore unless they have self quarantined for two weeks on their boats

in the Kittery waterways. If your slip is in Maine, you may access your boat from the launch at PYC. However, you are cautioned not to go ashore in Maine. The full text of the harbormaster's letter can be accessed ([here](#)). However, for the short answer, cogent excerpts of the guidance letter are as follows:

"... if a boater is from out of state and comes into Maine, they must quarantine for 14 days. There currently is no exception for recreational boaters who come into the state, take their boats out for a day and then return home. What this means to my out of state customers is that until the executive order is lifted, amended, or you have the ability to quarantine on your boat for 14 days, you may not access your boat from Kittery wharfs, piers or docks.

"Transient moorings can be rented by out of state vessels, but the occupants may not come ashore until the mandated 14-day quarantine has been completed."

6.) Will PYC continue to rent moorings short-term?

Yes, with access to fuel and other dockside services available to the public. Transients will not have access to the launch or bathrooms.

7.) Do we have a date for Docks-In?

Recognizing we have been thwarted by the COVID virus and the weather in the last two attempts to get the docks-in, and after a great deal of discussion, the BOD has determined it is in the best interest of our community to inform members of the next date we have scheduled to put in the docks. Maybe, a third time will be the charm.

May 23rd will be the next attempt. Please... no spectators, no extra hands, no congregating, no parking.

As before, please do not come to New Castle or the Club unless you have been formally invited by R/C Art Dionne. Parking passes for Piscataqua Street will be provided to those who are working for the few hours required to put the docks in. This has been approved by Chief White. All others will be subject to enforcement.

8.) How will parking be handled once the docks are in?

You may have noticed the parking area at the Common is now a staging area. It will be unavailable for parking this summer, short or long-term. Our New Castle BOD members are working closely with local officials to solve the questions related to parking. In the spirit of keeping parking available to as many members as possible, please bring only one car to the Club per boat. Also, please only park in the Club parking lot until the parking ban is lifted or other arrangements are made. Ideally, make arrangements to be dropped off or use alternate transportation.

