

Dear Friends,

There is some good news to report. VC Allan Terhune had a call with Ned Thompson this morning. Ned informed him that the state has clarified the status of yacht clubs as they are affected by the pandemic restrictions. This was part of a regional agreement on boating restrictions.

The use of the interior of the yacht club building continues to be prohibited, as well as gatherings exterior to the building(s).

The good news is that marine activities of the yacht club can follow the same guidelines as commercial marinas.

- 1) Social distancing is to be observed. Only individuals sheltering together can access or operate boats.
- 2) Lifts are part of the marine operation and may be used, but sanitizing touch points should be considered.
- 3) Bathrooms and showers may be used if they are accessible from outside of the club only and do not allow entry to other parts of the club.

It is paramount that health and safety be the central concerns in operation of the yacht club marine facilities.

The optics of how your club is complying with the rules should be considered at all times. Even if members are on their own boats, having the result appear as large gathering on the dock is not advisable.

This should give everyone some hope and I look forward to our on-line meeting this Saturday.

A poster version of safe practices pertaining to boating from Sea Tow is pictured below.

Regards,

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Social Distancing When Boating



Only boat with those in
your immediate household.



No beaching
your boat
right next to
someone else.



Maintain your distance
at the fuel dock –
and remember to
wash your hands.



No rafting up
– keep your
distance on
the water.

No guests on your boat!
This includes family members
not in your immediate
household or your closest
boating buddies.

**Go right from your house
to the boat and back –**
no unnecessary contact
with anyone.

**Enjoy your boat, the water and the fresh air;
but enjoy it while boating responsibly.**

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Social distancing is the best way to stay safe.

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