

Covid 19

Marina, Yacht Club and Harbor Master Guidance

Due to Covid 19 and the Governors Executive Order, we are providing guidance for the operation of marinas, yacht clubs and harbor masters. This will allow for business operations, provide safety measures for your staff and ensure that we are all doing as much as we can to prevent the transmission and spread of this historic influenza.

Any person coming to Rhode Island from another state for a non-work-related purpose must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. This quarantine restriction shall not apply to public health, public safety, or healthcare workers.

As the summer season approaches, many of you have started placing docks, providing boat service to ready vessels to be placed in the water, and installation and preparation of mooring fields. Although these are non-essential and elective, these operations are an important part of our economy and way of life. We are asking that the following measures be utilized so that this work can continue.

In response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis, the State of Rhode Island urges operators of marinas and yacht clubs to adhere to the following parameters to match the health and safety guidance from the CDC:

1. Yards at marinas and yacht clubs should remain secure so that admittance can be monitored by the owners / operators.
2. In the event an owner or other persons wish to work on their vessel, they should be cautioned about social distancing and monitored to ensure no groups form. This is important to protect your employees as well.
3. Any sales at your stores must be curbside pickup only.
4. Limit use of facilities to seasonal slip holders only. Use of facilities by transients and out of state boaters should be prohibited.
5. In the event that a vessel arrives at your facility, they must be provided with the Public Health documents being provided to all out of state travelers. They should also be directed to the RI Department of Health website site to fill out the required information. See attached link you can add to your web pages. <https://health.ri.gov/covid/>
6. Gloves must be worn while pumping out or fueling.
7. Moorings may be installed and serviced per local harbor management plans.

<https://health.ri.gov/publications/factsheets/COVID19-At-Home-Quarantine.pdf>

For more information regarding business guidelines during the COVID-19 crisis, visit
<https://commerceri.com/business-guidelines-during-crisis/>

To help make decisions on your business, please refer to the business checklist:
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