

## COVID-19 Procedures – April 2020

The following guidelines will be in place during the current health emergency. As the covid-19 situation is continually evolving (and possibly worsening in some areas) there may need to be further adaptation as per federal and provincial guidelines. Official guidance may supersede what follows, so observe any additional restrictions made by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO). The intent is not purely personal protection but to help break any transmission chains.

1. The "2-meter/6 feet of distance" rule as dictated by Health Canada should be observed in all social interactions. This will affect work parties, dockside gatherings, refueling, rafting-up etc. Greet with a wave instead of a handshake.

2. No member that is:

- quarantined
- in self-isolation (including after being in contact with anyone diagnosed with covid-19)
- feeling sick or experiencing symptoms associated with covid-19 is permitted to use any of the Association boats or equipment.

Let other members know if there has been any illness on a boat or within the membership.

3. After a sail:

- members must ensure all waste is removed from a boat and safely disposed of.
- tools, equipment used during the sail, and frequently touched surfaces should be sanitized and/or wiped down.

Spray bottles with a disinfectant will be used for sanitation. Hand sanitizer and masks will be onboard. Also, consider sanitizing frequently touched surfaces and equipment before a sail.

4. Members may opt to book a boat with an additional "buffer period" of up to 3 days (72 hours) prior to their intended usage. This is not mandatory but a matter of personal choice.

5. Personal etiquette: cover your nose and mouth if you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Don't share personal items such as phones, water bottles etc.

6. Record all the covid-19 procedures used in the boat's log.

7. Make sure a supply of disposable gloves, sanitizer and wipes, masks, safety glasses, and garbage bags is maintained on each vessel. Replace any supplies that are running low.

8. Destinations including parks, marinas and fuel docks may be closed or have restricted hours. For example Galiano/Montague (as of this writing) is planning on remaining closed for May and June 2020. Their summer opening is currently unknown. Fuel sales are offered Saturdays 10am – 2pm. Other services like the general store will remain closed. Forget about sailing to the USA.

9. Carry spare fuel. Re-provisioning of food and supplies during extended cruising may not be straightforward so plan accordingly.

10. Enjoy the escape and look forward to a better time. This too shall pass.