



COVID-19

State of the Harbor Update

August 14, 2020

This update is provided to give a current status of harbor operations and upcoming boating season due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Rafting of boats will be allowed based on the updated state guidelines but understand the proper social distancing/facemasks must still be adhered to. Town bylaw states no more than 3 boats are to be rafted and cannot obstruct navigation.

BROWNS ISLAND

After receiving reports from the state level of improper social distancing in and around the Browns Island area, state guidelines and town by-laws will be strictly enforced in this area. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of violators, monetary citations or closure of entire area. Please understand that this is not the wish of the Harbormaster Department but the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is aware of the activities and

has flagged it as an area of concern. I ask our boaters to do their part in safely keeping this resource accessible to all. Law enforcement will be placed in this area to help educate the public on proper safety and guidelines put in place by the State.

STRAMSKIS/PATTISON LANDING

Due to public health concerns and the inability to access Stramski/Pattison Landing docks because of the increased numbers of swimmers, a strict policy of no more than ten people on the docks at any time must be adhered to. Masks must be worn with proper social distancing. In the area of dinghy tie-ups, **swimming is not allowed** in order to respect owner's access. Jumping from pier is prohibited. Any misuse of this area going forward will result in closure of the pier to the general public.

All town docks/piers will require face coverings at all times until you have properly disembarked or left the area. These areas will be marked with signs describing proper social distancing and it is up to the public to adhere to these requests in order to keep these access points open to our boaters/public. All gangways are to allow returning (from sea) public to pass first with masks and 6ft social distance. Once clear, departing public (from land) is to pass onto docks. Docks will not allow loitering. Please be respectful of the people around you who want to use the docks to access launches, dinghy's or pick-ups/drop-offs. All docks will be allowed for loading and unloading only. No vessel will be left unattended during tie-up.

Docks and piers will only allow no more than 10 people at one time. Please be aware of the numbers.

Any Personal Protection Equipment that is left behind & not properly disposed of will result in closure of the facilities. PLEASE adhere to proper disposal of your PPE so we can have a safe season.

The Harbormasters office is now open but masks are required to enter the building. I will try to provide weekly updates on the town website. If you have any questions, please feel free to email the office and we will respond as quickly as possible.

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Mark Twain

Thank You
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