

Alexandra Yacht Club  
Covid 19 Stage 3 Toronto  
Bulletin July 30 2020

Dear Alexandra Yacht Club Members;

We are now approved to join the rest of the province in Stage 3 of the Covid 19 Strategy, which allows for more activities indoors and out.

Stage 3 does see a relaxing of restrictions which in many ways makes the laws and associated regulations a little cleaner. This understanding is important, especially as it is predicted that Stage 3 will last for a substantial amount of time. As a Board of Directors, it is important that we determine what activities are now allowed inside of the legislation.

The regulation for Stage 3 can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364>.

While Section 8 of Schedule 2 directly impacts sports, the overlying schedules within the regulation impacts the overall requirements. Below is how we see the impact on AYC activities. Note that everything below comes into effect, in addition to what is already in effect, once we enter Stage 3.

### **Gathering Size Limitations**

Gathering size applies to sporting events as well as any other event or gathering. Other people not participating in the gathering can be in attendance at the club without impacting this number but if it is a planned event or organized activity, the limits must be observed.

- Outside events can go to 100 people while inside events will be limited to 50 people (as long as space allows for physical distancing).
- This number includes participants, staff and all volunteers including officials.
- All attendees must maintain the physical distancing requirements.

### **Access to Clubhouse and Kitchen Equipment.**

Our Clubhouse can now fully open as long as we comply with the following conditions:

- No buffet-style service may be provided.
- Patrons must be seated when eating or drinking within the clubhouse.
- Patrons must wear face masks whilst not seated at their tables.
- The Clubhouse must be configured so that members seated at different tables are separated by a distance of at least two metres.

Please allow our House Director some time to prepare the Clubhouse to accommodate this welcome change.

## **Competitive Sailing**

Our tradition is to finish club racing by the Labour Day weekend (it gets dark to early after that). This would only allow for fewer than five regular races. With that in mind and the probability of reduced participation, we have decided to undertake Ontario Sailing recommendation, "Clubs may want to consider avoiding this "league" style format for 2020."

The club would however, like to run a pursuit style Almost Around the Island Race on a Saturday in September combined with an outdoor barbeque which will be organized by our Fleet Captain and Social Director. Stand by for more details on that event.

## **Organized Cruising and Visitors to AYC**

For the safety and well-being of the members of our club, we will continue our current practice and not allow visitors nor will the Club sponsor organized cruising based on the fact that we are in a prime Downtown Toronto location. The rationale is that most clubs that are not in or near Toronto are 'destination' clubs as there's really no place to go, so people tend to just 'stay put,' whereas ours is a 'stepping off' club as visitors will, most likely, venture out and about to the many attractions and stores/restaurants that are a short distance from us. This could unknowingly become an infection risk prior to the visitors return to the club.

As we all understand, many of our members are in the 'high-risk' envelope due to their age and we should take any and all precautions to prevent exposure. We've done very well so far with our precautions and we need to see this trend continue.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation and on behalf of your Board of Directors have a great summer.

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