

April 17, 2020

Good afternoon Oakville Boaters,

We hope you are all remaining safe and healthy as we continue navigating this Covid-19 pandemic together. The start to the 2020 boating season has been the most challenging in our history. We hope to continue sending this weekly update and hope you find the information helpful.

In spite of reduced hours and staff, as well as some really cold weather, the harbours team has completed the mooring set up in Bronte. Early next week staff will move to Oakville harbour to continue with mooring and anchor installations on the 16 Mile Creek.

To ensure the safety of all our customers and staff we continue to fully comply with the Government regulations related to COVID-19.

On March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario declared an emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. The provincial emergency has been extended until at least May 12, 2020

The government is concerned about the premature opening of the recreational boating season. While the Emergency Order is in place, the government has issued a list of Essential Workplaces. Under the Emergency Order, there are very limited circumstances when marinas can be open.

For your reference the link below provides copy of a letter sent to the Boating Ontario Association on APRIL 10, 2020 from the Ministry of Transportation.

[Letter to BOA - COVID-19 impact on Marinas in Ontario final april 10 2020.pdf](#)

The Town of Oakville closures remain in affect for the Harbour office, storage yards, and launch ramp facilities until further notice. No one should be attending their vessels in storage until further notice. Contractors are also not permitted to work on vessels in storage until further notice.

No vessels will be launched until the Provincial Emergency is rescinded and the Town reopens its facilities. We will not be able to launch any vessels until May 12, 2020.

For anyone wishing to cancel their mooring please send a request by email to Amy Johnson – Harbours Administrator at amy.johnson@oakville.ca . Customers are asked to please be patient as refunds will be processed at a later date once Harbours staff return to the office. .

Storage inspections are still in effect. The Harbours Office will contact the vessel owner directly by email or phone if there is an issue with their vessel.

You can reach the Harbours office, Monday to Friday 8:00am until 4:00pm at 905-845-6601 ext. 4091 or by email at amy.johnson@oakville.ca

For after hours please contact Service Oakville at 905-845-6601

Thank you again for your continued diligence and cooperation, working with us to get through this health crisis.

Please continue to stay safe, healthy and stay home.

Sincerely,

James Woloszanski

Acting, Supervisor of Harbours