

Notice to Boaters Covid -19 Update: Week 6

May 15, 2020

Good afternoon Oakville Boaters,

Premier Ford has announced that effective 12:01 AM Saturday, May 16, marinas will be allowed to re-open. Considering all of the challenges with the start to this season, our harbours are only opening one month later than in previous years.

Set up of harbours infrastructure and dock installation must be completed before our harbours can safely open for the season. It is our intention to have the harbours open for the first week of June. No vessels are permitted on the docks until June 1.

As of May 16 customers and their contractors will be permitted to start working on vessels in town storage facilities, no appointments required. This gives you two weeks to get your vessels prepared to launch in June. The specific dates are still to be determined. Contractors are required to submit electronic copies of their insurance and WSIB documents to the Harbours Administrator prior to arrival.

Access to work on vessels is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Safety is the top priority for our staff and boaters. Park Ambassadors will be monitoring boat storage areas for physical distancing compliance. Outdoor hand wash stations are now in place at the Shipyard Park and Bronte marina locations. Please wash your hands frequently using the supplied hand washing stations and wear gloves when onsite.

To ensure everyone's health and safety, boaters are required to "self screen" daily prior to entering one of the boat storage areas. Attached is a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Form. Please stay home if you answer "Yes" to any of the questions on the assessment. Let's all work together to stop the spread of COVID-19. **Also attached is a copy of the COVID-19 requirements for working on vessels in the town storage facilities.**

Hydro is available and limited water is available at this time in the storage yards. Washrooms remain out of service.

The Harbours office will contact you shortly with a launch date and time, based on the location of your vessel in the storage yard. We will do our best to accommodate your launch requests. Discussions are currently underway to reschedule the crane for the Oakville launch and confirm the start dates for travel lift services in Bronte.

Payment for the balance of the mooring can be provided when confirming your launch date. Credit card payment can be provided by phone to the Harbours Administrator.

In the event your vessel is not launched the mooring contract will be reversed and replaced with a summer storage contract. **To cancel your mooring, please send a request by email to the Harbours Administrator. Please refer to FAQ attachment for further details.**

You can reach Amy Johnson – Harbours Administrator at 905-845-6601 ext. 4091 or by email at amy.johnson@oakville.ca. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. For after hours inquires, please contact ServiceOakville at 905-845-6601.

We are all looking forward to summer and the freedom to enjoy our boats once again. In order for this to be successful, we all need to remember that COVID-19 remains a serious health issue. We must remain vigilant in following physical distancing measures and the advice of public health officials.











Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

James Woloszanski- Acting, Supervisor of Harbours

Daily Health Screening Protocol for COVID-19 Pandemic

In the effort to ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and visitors to town facilities, the following screening protocol has been implemented consistent with Halton Region. **All** visitors (including vendors) and town employees reporting into a town facility will be required to answer NO to the following questions and not be observed to exhibit any flu-like symptoms before being granted entry to a town facility.

<p>1. Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • severe difficulty breathing (struggling for each breath, speaking in single words) • severe chest pain (constant tightness or crushing sensation) • confusion (for example, unsure of where you are) • losing consciousness <p style="text-align: center;">If you respond YES are call 911 immediately</p>	 Yes	 No
<p>2. Are you experiencing any respiratory or ‘flu-like’ symptoms? (Symptoms may include: fever, chills, new or worsening cough, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, sore throat, runny nose, etc.)</p>	 Yes	 No
<p>3. Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?</p>	 Yes	 No
<p>4. Has someone you are in close contact with tested positive for COVID-19? For example, someone in your household or workplace.</p>	 Yes	 No
<p>5. Are you in close contact with a person who either is sick with NEW respiratory symptoms or recently travelled outside of Canada? Respiratory symptoms can include fever, cough or difficulty breathing)</p>	 Yes	 No

FAQ:

- **Q: How is the Town managing the constant changing information related to COVID-19?**
- A: The town of Oakville is providing information and support throughout the evolving COVID-19 crisis. We're working on a coordinated response to the virus with our management team, Halton Public Health and the provincial government.
Please visit <https://www.oakville.ca/culturerec/harbours.html> for current updates on COVID-19 from the town of Oakville's website.
- **Q: Will the Marinas be closed this year?**
- A: Premier Ford has announced that effective 12:01 AM Saturday, May 16, marinas will be allowed to re-open, when they are ready. Set up of harbours infrastructure and dock installation must be completed before our harbours can safely open for the season. It is our intention to have the harbours open for the first week of June. No vessels are permitted on the docks until June 1st.
- **Q: Will the boat launch be delayed?**
- A: Discussions are currently underway to reschedule the crane for the Oakville launch and confirm the start dates for travel lift services in Bronte. The Harbours office will contact you shortly with a launch date and time, based on the location of your vessel in the storage yard. It is our intention to start launching vessels the first week in June.

STORAGE

- **Q: Will the Town consider a reduced summer storage rate due to Covid-19?**
- A: In lieu Covid-19 situation the town will be applying a reduced storage rate of \$4.39 per sq. ft. There will be no additional fee applied to sailboats for mast storage or additional fee to powerboats for blocking.
- **Q: Can arrangements be made for boaters to prepare vessels if they wear masks/gloves and practice social distancing?**
- A: As of May 16 customers and their contractors will be permitted to start working on vessels in town storage facilities, from 8am until 8pm. Park Ambassadors will be monitoring boat storage areas for physical distancing compliance.
- **Q: Are contractors permitted to do work on vessels stored in town operated storage yards?**
- A: Yes. Contractors are required contact the Harbours Administrator at amy.johnson@oakville.ca to confirm which vessel they are accessing and to provide copies of proof of insurance and WSIB 24 hours prior to arrival.

MOORINGS

- **Q: When can I have access to my mooring?**
- A: No vessels are permitted on the docks until June 1st. Dock and marina infrastructure needs to be completed and inspected before the docks can be accessed.
- **Q: When will the balance of the mooring payment be required?**
- A: Mooring payments will be required prior to your launch date. Credit card payment can be provided by phone by calling the Harbours Administrator starting May 19, 2020.

- **Q: Will the town provide a discount for my mooring with the late start to opening the harbours?**

A: The town will prorate moorings to provide a discount for the month of May

- **Q: If we cancel our mooring for this year will we then be paying a summer storage fee?**

- A: In the event we are not permitted to move forward with launch the mooring contracts will be reversed and replaced with a summer storage contract.

- **Q: Can the mooring be cancelled for the season (deposit applied for 2021) and the vessel left in summer storage to work on for the summer?**

- A: The \$250.00 mooring deposit can be used to secure your mooring for the 2021 season. If your vessel remains in summer storage you would be permitted to work on your boat once the access restrictions have been lifted.

- **Q: Will the town refund the \$250 deposit?**

- A: Anyone requesting a refund for the \$250 deposit will be officially cancelling the mooring and will not be sent a renewal in 2021. The wait list process and the administration fee would apply if a mooring is requested in future.

LAUNCH RAMPS

- **Q: When will the launch ramps be open?**

A: The Bronte launch ramp will opened Saturday, May 16. Please note that dock customers have use of the ramp but docks are not available for use until June 1. The Shipyard Park launch ramp will remain closed until dock installation and launch is complete.