

Dear Members of SBYC,

I hope this finds you well. We are in unprecedented times right now. Everyone is very anxious to get back to something resembling “normal”. To that end, I have been spending a lot of time researching and contacting people in various State and Local Agencies to make sure we are doing things correctly.

Unfortunately, we aren’t able to have any opening day ceremonies this year, which is always a wonderful way to kick off the boating season, but more importantly recognize our Veterans who have so bravely served our Country.

There is some good news however! Town of Brookhaven has a opened some beaches, and we will be opening ours. Now, please keep in mind that we are trying to figure out how/if we can ensure the bathrooms are sanitized, which is obviously very important. We may not be able to sanitize them as necessary so, you must keep this in mind if you plan on using the beach area, including the kayak rack. Also, I encourage all members to review the information on this link for Town of Brookhaven.

<https://www.brookhavenny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2245>

I am also attaching the guidance that I received from the Town of Brookhaven on Social Distancing in the Marina (Our Lagoon) as well. Although we are a private club, our lease is with the Town of Brookhaven and we must respect their role as Landlord. It is our responsibility to follow published guidelines to the best of our ability. I am very hopeful that things will continue to relax, and restrictions continue to ease. It is difficult to change the way we are accustomed to living. It

makes things even more difficult when other private operations are not following the guidelines, creating confusion for everyone. But our position as a highly visible club with the Town as landlord and our desire to be a good neighbor accentuates our need to “follow the rules”.

With that as background, I, as Commodore, am asking our members to please follow these guidelines. The Board does not have the ability or desire to police this 24/7, nor should we have to. This Club is our joint responsibility. In light of this, the new addendum signed by Members with boats in the Lagoon will be waived (not the rules just automatic consequences) and I am again asking members to self-police and strictly follow the rules released by the State and the Town. The Board will of course respond to serious violations, but I am optimistic that won't be necessary.

Unfortunately, the Club itself will remain closed for anything other than take out as well as the grounds surrounding it.

I hope this “limited opening” will bring a little sunshine into our Club's world and is a step in the right direction.

Memorial Day weekend is a time to reflect but also to enjoy our family and friends. I wish all of you the best in these challenging times.

Thank you,

C. Scott Heaney
Commodore

