



Pre-Launch Update - Boat Preparation Resumes

May 7, 2021

Hello AYC Members,

As noted in the Commodore's update circulated earlier this week, the AYC board has been actively exploring options for safely and legally resuming member access to the site during the current Stay at Home Order.

As part of those efforts, senior member Brian Iler was asked to conduct a legal review of the regulations. Brian completed his work on Wednesday and attended that night's Board meeting to share his analysis and opinion. The good news is Brian has concluded that while provincial regulations required AYC to be closed, the provisions which allow closed businesses and organizations to perform maintenance and prepare to reopen can reasonably be extended to members who need to prepare their boats for reopening.

The Commodore's update also identified issues related to our insurance coverage. Brian's legal opinion was also shared with our insurers. They have indicated that allowing members on site to prepare their boats for the eventual opening of the boating season will not negatively impact our coverage, provided proper safety precautions are put in place.

Based on this, we are very pleased to announce that members will again be

allowed to access the AYC yard, starting **Saturday May 8th at 10:00 a.m.**, to perform maintenance on their boats and prepare them for the 2021 boating season. Contractors will also be allowed on site for the same purpose.

In addition to the rules previously in place, some additional safeguards are being implemented, and we will require a waiver from everyone entering the site. **Please read the below carefully and review the updated AYC Safety Plan (SP)**, which is posted on the AYC website.

Lastly, one of the key conclusions from Brian Iler's legal review is that AYC cannot launch boats as long as the current restrictions remain in place. The Board will continue to monitor government announcements and regulatory changes. We will confirm a 2021 Launch Day as soon as we can. We have a crane tentatively booked for June 4 but that is subject to change.

Safety Officer

As was the case previously, a Safety Officer (SO) will be required for each day members have access to the site.

Volunteers are needed to serve as SO. [Please click here to sign up.](#)

The SO job description posted on the AYC website has been updated.

Screening

As outlined in the SP, AYC has an obligation to ensure everyone entering the site has completed a health risk screening. This must be done each and every day, regardless of whether you've been screened on a previous day.

Signs are posted at the gate about the screening process. They ask a series of questions. **If you answer 'YES' to any of the questions, you cannot enter the site.**

Prior to entry, the SO will require you to sign-in and acknowledge you've completed the screening.

The SO will be at the club between 10 am and 4 pm. If you arrive before 10 am and the answer to all the screening questions is 'NO', you may enter the site. Once the SO arrives, it's your responsibility to promptly complete the sign-in process with

the SO. Please do this as soon after they arrive as possible - please don't make the SO hunt you down.

Please do not come to the site after 4 pm. People on site who have already been screened and signed-in may stay past 4 pm.

Limit of People on Site

A maximum of 25 people are allowed on site at any one time.

If the site is at capacity when you arrive, you may wish to wait until someone leaves. If so, please provide your cell phone number to the SO, and wait off site.

The SO will contact you when you are allowed to enter.

Waivers Required

AYC's recent introduced an amendment that shield's them form claims arising from COVID.

To protect the club and directors from liability, everyone entering the club will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging the risk associated with COVID despite the precautions AYC has implemented.

[Click here to download waiver](#)

Physical Distancing and Masking

While on site please ensure physical distancing (2 metres) form others who are not part of your household.

Masks must be worn on site at all times unless you are actively eating or drinking.

Work not Hanging About

Since a limited number of people are allowed on site, and Toronto remains a COVID hot spot, please spend your time at the club working on your boat. If you are not working on your boat, please leave the site and allow others on site.

It's understood people on site will take breaks for eating and drinking, if they are planning to resume work on their boats.

Call/Text Ahead to Ensure Availability

Prior to heading to the club to work on your boat, you can call or text the SO on duty (between 10 am and 4 pm) to ask about the number of people currently on

site. The SO's cell number will be posted on the member's portion of the AYC website.

Reserving Time

Since some people live out-of-town or a long distance from the club, reservations for time slots will be accepted from those members.

Out-of-town and distant members reservations can be made for a full or half day (10 am to 1 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm). To make a reservation, please text or email the SO who will be on duty on the day you wish to attend. To avoid confusion, please make a reservation at least two days in advance.

Similarly, you may make a reservation for a contractor who you've hired to work on your boat.

Reservations for contractors must be made by the member. Please contact the Vice Commodore to do so. The date, time and name of the contractor will be required. You will also need to confirm that you have provided the contractor with the Safety Plan, and they have agreed to abide by its procedures and rules.

To ensure availability for others, please only reserve the amount of time you actually require.

Please arrive on time. Your reservation will expire if you are more than one hour late.

If you have made a reservation for yourself or your contractor, and either you or they are a 'no-show', you forfeit your opportunity to make any further reservations during the pre-launch period.

Club House

The washrooms are open, but otherwise the club house is off limits. Only one person should be using a washroom at a time.

Please use hand sanitizer and wipe surfaces you have touched.

The BBQ area may be used to prepare lunch. Only one person per BBQ at any one time. Please wipe all surfaces once you're done.

Parking on Site

On site parking is limited. Please park snugly and display a note with your name and cell phone number on your car's windshield or dash.

If you can bike or take transit, please do.

The board would like to thank all members for their patience and support. We'd also like to thank Brian Iler for contributing his learned legal expertise. Like you, we too are eager to resume working on our boats and hope we can launch the fleet in the not too distant future. COVID remains a serious concern, particularly in Toronto and the GTA. Vaccine distribution has ramped up significantly in recent weeks. Better days are on the horizon, providing we remain vigilant a little longer. Please follow the rules and stay as safe as possible.

– from the AYC Board of Directors

Click below to download the waiver. Either print it and submit it to the safety officer on the day you arrive or fill it out digitally and send it to communications@ayc.ca

[Download And Fill Waiver](#)
