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Sail Newport Operational Plan for Phase One Reopening of Fort Adams State Park

With the guidance and support of DEM, Sail Newport has put together the following document to use as Sail Newport's protocol for the Phase One reopening of the marine assets at Sail Newport. We do this with the understanding that the authority for the opening of the marine assets lies with DEM, DoH and the Governor's office. As we receive new guidance from the state, these protocols will be adjusted accordingly.

Sail Newport is one of very few organizations who have the honor and privilege of using state park property for the operation of a recreational facility. Our mantra for the past 38 years of operation has always been "Safety First." It's our central goal to offer access to Narragansett Bay and be respectful tenants in beautiful Fort Adams State Park. We need to ensure compliance with state protocols during the pandemic crisis to maintain the faith that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) puts in us to manage these marine facilities. Their monumental and generous support of our organization allows us to offer the sport we love for the benefit and enjoyment of the public!

As everyone knows all too well, the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust us all into a world of challenges and much uncertainty. We want you to know that we are hard at work planning how we can provide sailing programs and opportunities for our community to enjoy within state guidelines.

MAY 9 – RI PHASE ONE REOPENING

On May 8th, an announcement was made by the Governor's Office that has allowed the limited opening of selected State Parks in Rhode Island on May 9th in Phase 1 of "Reopening RI". (<https://www.reopeningri.com>), including the opening of Fort Adams State Park. *This is a projected date, and it could change depending on the State's COVID-19 status. Sail Newport has complied with the Governor's REOPENING Business guidelines and has developed an Operational Control Plan for the prevention of the spread of COVID 19.

WHAT WILL PHASE 1 LOOK LIKE? Request an Appointment to visit Sail Newport

All people who would like to access the park and Sail Newport to deliver, launch, work on or sail their boat will have to complete a "[Request for Appointment](#)" until further notice, so that we can help manage the numbers of sailors accessing the facility.

- [Non Residents of RI](#) are allowed to come to the site, work on their boat, but must return to their home state upon completion of their visit to Sail Newport
- No more than 5 individuals, maintaining 6' social distancing, may gather around a boat, the hoists, ginpole or on a dock for any purpose (ie, launching a boat, using the hoist, loading a trailer, seasonal prep of a boat, other projects)
- Plan to go from your vehicle to your boat and back only
- Everyone must provide and wear and wear a cloth face covering when in a public place per the [Governor's Executive Order dated May 5, 2020](#)

SIGNAGE:

Signage will be posted inside the dock office and outside the dock office and in other public places that references RIDOH and CDC recommendations on hygiene, facial coverings and social distancing guidelines. Examples of this signage are below.



SAIL NEWPORT BUILDINGS

All SN buildings will remain closed to the public, with the exception of the Sail Newport Dock Office in the Mid Park Building, 72 Fort Adams Drive.

Sail Newport Dock Office (DO)

- Only online payments for membership renewal, hoist fees or summer storage contracts will be taken.
 - To inquire about your membership or storage status, email dockoffice@sailnewport.org
 - To pay for either storage, hoist or membership, please go to <https://sailnewport.org/>
- The SN DO will only be accessible from the exterior door on the ground level in the SE corner of 72 Fort Adams Drive, no other interior areas of the building are open to the public
- All other buildings will remain closed to everyone except SN staff until further notice per DEM Marina Guidance documents dated 4/29/2020

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- No more than 3 individuals (whether staff/volunteers/facility users) in total, maintaining social distancing are allowed in the DO at any given time
- PER DEM, all bathroom facilities at Fort Adams State Park are closed, including facilities at Sail Newport. DEM has placed a limited # of portajohns for public use around the park and contracted with a company to clean the portajohns on a regular basis based on DoH regulations

ACCESS TO YOUR BOAT AT SAIL NEWPORT

You must make an [appointment](#) to enter the Sailing Center to:

- Work on your boat
- Pick up your boat from winter storage
- Prepare your boat for launch
- Use the hoist
- Hook up your boat and take it out of the park
- Arrive at the park with a boat for seasonal dry storage
- Use the mast hoist (ginpole)
- Launch your boat on the dinghy ramp or beach
- Launch your boat on the deepwater ramp behind the Mule Barn
- Non-residents are reminded that current state guidelines require that they must return to their home state after they use the facility http://www.crmc.ri.gov/news/2020_0409_marinas.html

Please make sure that your membership and/or summer storage is up to date before using the facility. If you need to confirm, please email: dockoffice@sailnewport.org

ACCESS TO THE HARBOR:

- There is no transient dockage available at any of the docks/piers at the marine facilities at Fort Adams State Park in Phase 1
- Any RI resident sailor using the SN Facility for access to Newport Harbor by ramp launch, beach launch or hoist SHALL sign the [online waiver / agreement](#) (which is also on the appointment form) indicating that they will only be sailing with members residing in their household until that restriction is lifted by DEM. Non RI Residents (who have yet to fulfill their 14 day quarantine) are currently not allowed recreational boating access. We hope that restriction will lift VERY soon.
- Parking for everyone using the hoist shall be between the playing fields. NO PARKING on grass areas anywhere in the park.
- Hoist use will be limited (by appointment) between the hours of 9 am – 5 pm, seven days/week
- Sailors using the South drysail storage yard and accessing the harbor off of the youth dinghy ramp or beach shall park in the shell area across from 60 Fort Adams Drive. If that area is full, additional parking will be in the north (lower) lot adjacent the Alofsin Piers
- There is absolutely no parking in the Grass Triangle or the large southern parking lot (on the hill)

If you have any questions, please contact us between 9 am – 5 pm, seven days / week at:
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