



Telltales

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Going to Phase 4

First and Foremost - Thank you!

You've got to know, we (the board) just hate to insist on wearing masks and asking you to social distance...we don't like it personally either. And, it's important, as recent outbreaks around the country are demonstrating. You're finger-wagging Commodore had prepared a two-page letter to be sent to each member ... just to be sure the message was clear ... and we didn't send it! The day before it was going to be printed and sent, it was obvious that it wasn't needed...Everyone has started wearing masks and social distancing. So, Thank you! A huge relief and respite to a wilting digit. The Governor thanks you, the board members thank you, and most importantly, our members that are more vulnerable and at risk thank you ...really...THANK YOU! (That said, the letter is ready to go don't make me come down there and send it!)

Going to Phase 4 - sounds like something from Star Trek...before we've gotten used to Phase 3 we're hitting warp drive into Phase 4 as of Friday, June 26 as we continue to put some distance between us and the COVID invaders. **What this means at SYC:**

- The Clubhouse (read **Ice Machine and Kitchen**) will reopen...ONE PERSON AT A TIME.
- Other than that, same guidelines apply as in earlier Phases..
 - **Social Distancing** remains in place
 - **Masks** are required on grounds, except for sitting either with household members OR at minimum 6' Social Distancing.
 - **One person at a time in Men's and Ladies bathrooms/lockers...wearing masks.**
- The Board is **discussing if and how to resume Club Social Events**

Despite the Finger Lakes moving into Phase 4 of reopening, the CDC has announced the largest daily infection yet across the country. For every one person known to be infected, there are at least 10 who are going undetected. IT IS CRUCIAL TO ... PLEASE...KEEP FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES. Here are some links that you might find useful: [Safer Cookouts](#) and [using public facilities](#).

In Other News...

Welcome to Rich Jensen - SYC's New Steward:

A huge SYC welcome to Rich Jensen, from Waterloo. Rich has been a home builder, Journeyman

Carpenter, Building Maintenance Mechanic and Supervisor and Maintenance Shift Supervisor for a number of prominent area institutions. He's experienced in plumbing, heating, electrical, carpentry, equipment operation, and also proficient in equipment maintenance and routine preventive maintenance. Highly organized, able to work independently...an important task around SYC with all the good advice and suggested priorities many members will offer! We're very pleased that Rich has joined the SYC crew. Give him a warm welcome when you see him!

Pizza Posto & Food Trucks at SYC:

The Pizza Posto Truck is back! The past two Thursday's (last week and on the 25th) have found the aroma of Pizza wafting around the club grounds. They'll be back on JULY 16, 30 AND AUG 13, 27th. We're also in discussions with other Food Trucks about filling in other weeknights if it looks like members like to come down for a weeknight outing for a nice evening at the Club and outdoor dining with no cooking!

Club Racing Has Started:

Last Sunday Club Racing started up again after a delayed start due to the pandemic. Come join us on Sunday Mornings ... starting gun goes off at 10 AM, so get there in time to stock up on beverages, Ice, and bring your masks...it's up to each Captain to ensure 6' social distancing on their boats or for all to wear masks per NYS guidelines.

The Hulk

Whatzta you say! Tis the SYC Incredible Hulk, fabricated by Gennaro Fazio, Chair of our Waterfront Committee, and one of our newest members, Rob Casler. Formerly a small floating dock, they cut a hole in the middle, added a frame and electric winch and are ready to set and pull/move moorings. After 91 years of a wide variety of methods, including hanging mooring weights from the bow of boats or trying to push them off a deck, the "Hulk" will smoothly lift, move and drop incredible weights to make safe moorings - a new standard of excellence. Huge Bravo to Gennaro and Rob for their creative adaptive reuse of an old floating dock! "Drop once, stay put, Hulk Happy"!



Joy for the Jetty Snakes

Just in, the vegetation on the Stone Jetty has been cleared by Dave Phillips and Bob Marr at the recommendation of Sessler Contractors who visited to discuss repairs. Plants (and roots) can damage the stonework, so with less than a nudge and wink Dave and Bob removed the small forest growing from between the stones. More sun, less shade, happy resident snakes! (Yes, we'll look into that too....).



Seneca Sailing Academy

After months of reviewing what other clubs/sailing programs are offering given the pandemic, and hours of trying to recruit Sailing Instructors for the 2020 Season, SSA has settled on what will be available...different that past seasons. The usual week-long, large group day camp instruction format has been set aside this year in favor of small group (family) and individual instruction, as well as Adult Sailing instruction. For any student that has taken sailing instruction a series of Open Sailing Sessions are being scheduled to allow any current or past SSA student to come sign out a boat and work on skills...or just have fun! Supervision and safety measures will be on site. It gets them on the water and family/friends might enjoy a Pizza if it's on Thursday's or bring a picnic. For more information visit the [SSA website](#) for updated information. Scholarships remain available for youth participants.

Just Sayin'...

They said a mask and gloves were all I needed for grocery shopping, but they lied! Everyone else had clothes on.



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