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Seneca Yacht Club

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Commodore's Corner

You may be aware that the Finger Lakes Region has as of yesterday entered Phase 3 of reopening, and heading toward Phase 4 which we anticipate roughly by the end of June.

The Club remains delightful to visit, and thanks to all who have been following the guidelines and gently asking others to do the same. It's important to follow NYS as well as our own guidelines to ensure ALL members feel comfortable visiting the club.

As the weather warms up it's natural to relax a bit after being cooped up and cautions ... and it's crucial to remember that Covid 19 is increasing in many places as it retreats in others. In some places that opened more quickly, the virus has surged and brought the number of cases to nearly overwhelming their capacity to handle it. A resurgence could happen if we let down our guard ... we can't afford to be in denial or excessive optimism.

During Phase 3, we've reduced some restrictions...and added/reinforced a few. What this means to SYC

- **Masks are mandatory to be on the grounds. Period.** Wear them when entering the grounds, when walking around - at all times. **The ONLY EXCEPTION is when sitting** while maintaining Social Distancing. **Stand Up, Walk Around = Mask On**
- **Both Ladies and Men's Bathrooms and Locker Rooms are open. Masks Required.** Each will have a sign to indicate "Occupied or Open" to let others know. Follow posted guidelines for use

- **Loft is Open**...again, Masks and Social Distancing.
- **Club Racing is beginning**...following strict protocols, starting next Sunday, June 20th
- **Fajita Fest**, scheduled on July 3rd has been **Cancelled** (we're working future social events)
- **Punch Bowl on July 4th** ... Bring your own hors d'oeuvres, **PUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

We'll be printing and posting new signage over the next few days...however, no sign or newsletter will be effective without the active participation of YOU. Even when reaching Phase 4, it is most likely that Masks and Social Distancing will remain in effect.

As the saying goes, "it takes two to Tango".... **if someone is talking to you without wearing a mask or social distancing, it's up to YOU to say something...to THEM. Gently.** Don't wait to tell a board member or uniformed, armed security guard! To paraphrase ... "gently, gently catchie monkey"!

We've been told that some of our members won't come down because they see lots of people not wearing masks. And, even if they don't visit, those of us that do can easily bring the bugs home. Even if it's not a state requirement, all of our members deserve respect, concern and thoughtful consideration, however inconvenient it might seem at the time.

Alternately, if this doesn't work....ve haf ozzzer planz....

Fair Winds....Sail on!

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Pizza is Back at Seneca Yacht Club

The Pizza Posto truck is going to be visiting Seneca yacht Club on Thursday, June 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and again on Thursday, June 25 at the same time. This was a popular event last year and once again you'll have a chance to sample their delicious wares.

Visiting the club in these times can be daunting, but also rewarding. If you follow the rules above you can enjoy the club in relative safety. In addition, when dining at the club family groups can sit together without masks but must maintain 6 feet from other groups. If dining with non-household members maintain social distance when not wearing masks.

New Calendar of Events for 2020

For obvious reasons the Calendar of Events for Seneca Yacht Club has been revised. The previous calendar was drawn up before the current crisis so we've made some adjustments. You can view the new calendar [here](#). To see Seneca Yacht Club's web site click [here](#).

Several cancellations should be noted. In particular, the Fajita Fest on July 3 has been cancelled. In addition, there will be no hors d'oeuvre buffet at the punchbowl. There will, however, be a punchbowl, and you are welcome to bring your own hors d'oeuvres for your family to enjoy.

Beyond the end of July, things are still up in the air. We'll know more as we see how the current situation

progresses. Stay tuned!

Sunday Racing is Back!

Sunday Racing at Seneca Yacht Club is scheduled to resume on June 21st. There will be a skippers meeting at 9:30 am before the Harbor Horn with racing starting no later than 10:30 am. Skippers meeting is mandatory for individuals planning on participating in Sunday Racing. Information on NYS guidelines for sailboat racing will be discussed, sign up for race committee skipper slots, and review of the sailing schedule for this summer.

SYC Sunday Racing Requirements per State Guidelines:

- No more than 10 people on a boat including skipper and crew. Vessel and boat races are authorized so long as no more than 10 people are in a gathering/boat at one time.
- Members should avoid congregating and maintain 6-foot social distancing and face masks must be worn when coming within 6' of SYC Members, on SYC Property, and on sailboats, unless the boat crew is made up of members of the same family and share the same domicile.
- No rafting up to keep distance between boaters.
- Boat equipment must be sanitized.
- Dry Sailed Boats - Once in the water, members should head off the dock as soon as possible to keep the flow of operation smooth and limit the number of members gathered in one area.

These rules may seem restrictive, but they're for your protection and more importantly, for the protection of others. Cheer up! Racing is back!

(Click [here](#) for CDC safety recommendations.)

Just Sayin'...

Lockdown update: Today I melted an ice cube with my mind just by staring at it... but it took a lot longer than I thought it would.



[Check out our Facebook page to see what is going on at the club](#)