



# Telltales

Newsletter  
of the  
Seneca Yacht Club

May 17, 2020

Volume 50 Number 2

## Commodore's Corner

### Club Access & Safety Precautions - Update

Looking ahead to the coming week leading to Memorial Day Weekend, the SYC board "Zoomed" last week, and had the opportunity and pleasure of listening to a member, Betsy Bihn, who is a specialist in risk management and prevention for Cornell's Institute for Food Safety, who briefed both the SYC and SSA boards on best current practices for keeping safe this season...understanding that it's a moving target and we need to stay on top of things almost daily.

Based on her briefing and other factors including NYS Phase 1 reopening guidelines, the SYC board has created an ad hoc group to come up with what will apply best to our club and Sailing Academy, and recommend guidelines, signs and practices to follow. The group will meet this week, although it may be ambitious to have everything set for Memorial Day, so the following are our guidelines that align with NYS Phase 1 Guidelines which will remain in effect until we reach Phase 4 ... hopefully by late June/early July, or until the guidelines are otherwise changed.

- The Clubhouse will remain closed, but the grounds, grills and docks will be available. No access to Kitchen, Lockers, Loft, Bathrooms, Ice Machine.
- A Port a Potty with hand-washing station will be on-site. Bring hand sanitizer and wipes to use before and after use.
- Bring whatever you need, and take it out with you. We strongly recommend tablecloths and seating to maintain appropriate social distancing.
- Wear masks around the grounds/docks, and maintain social distancing unless with family/household members.
- Docks, Cranes and Gin Pole are available, but clearly social distancing is to be observed.
- Beach is ok to use. Bring and take home any beach toys and inflatable water toys and they should not be shared. (We'll be adding new beach sand soon!)
- Trash/Recycling...we have no Steward so bring a garbage bag and take out what you pack in.

### Memorial Day Club Regatta & Punch Bowl are Cancelled

We'll try to work in a make up event soon, but it's just not safe under the current guidelines. We look forward to reaching Phase 4 of the NYS guidelines soon!

## **Club Sunday Fleet Racing and Regatta's are also Cancelled until we reach NYS Phase 4 status.**

Ideally, we'll reach NYS Phase 4 status and lose the first month of activities. However, we're looking into the feasibility of extending our "summer" activities through September. There's a lot of water to cross before then so fingers crossed and we'll be in touch.

Thank you in advance for self-monitoring and keeping the safety guidelines. Some clubs have changed the locks and closed the gates. As a small, more intimate club, we trust our membership will be as careful in considering the safety of others as with themselves.

Chris Lytle  
Commodore  
Seneca Yacht Club  
[ctlytle@gmail.com](mailto:ctlytle@gmail.com)  
315.224.8639

---

### **Just Sayin'...**

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses. Same goes for making coffee when you need coffee.

---



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