

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

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Dear Colleague,

Attached is Department of Environmental Management guidance regarding the safe operation of marinas, yacht clubs, and harbor masters during the COVID crisis.

The one essential mandate relates to quarantine, namely that any person coming to Rhode Island from another state for a non-work-related purpose must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days (except for public health, public safety, or healthcare workers).

Other guidance includes the following:

Boatyards at marinas and yacht clubs should remain secure so that admittance can be monitored by the owners / operators.

In the event an owner or other persons wish to work on their vessel, they should be cautioned about social distancing and monitored to ensure that no groups form. This is important to protect your employees as well.

Any sales at your stores must be curbside pickup only.

Limit use of facilities to RI resident seasonal slip holders only. Use of facilities by transients and out of state boaters is prohibited.

In the event that a vessel arrives at your facility unannounced, they must be provided with the Public Health documents being provided to all out of state travelers. They should also be directed to the RI Department of Health website site to fill out the required information. See attached link you can add to your web pages. <https://health.ri.gov/covid/>