

Atlanta Yacht Club Activity Guidelines

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The Atlanta Yacht Club Board of Governors has approved the following activity guidelines for a phased reopening. These guidelines incorporate current recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Georgia Department of Public Health, and US Sailing.

The phased reopening will first focus on sailing activities, moving towards the restoration of social activities. The club is open and available for use at your own risk.

General.

- While at the club maintain social distancing guidelines and avoid large gatherings of people in any given location.
- It is recommended a mask or cloth face covering be worn when a six-foot distance cannot be maintained.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 and recently on club grounds, contact the Georgia Department of Public Health and follow their protocols. Inform AYC Health and Safety Officer Anna Lee Cahill, bradleyannalee@gmail.com. All information is confidential.
- If you think or know you have Covid-19, or if you were in close contact with someone that has Covid-19, we request you follow CDC guidelines to isolate and help stop the spread of the virus. This includes avoiding coming to the Club. The CDC guidelines [here](#) define when it is safe for you to again be around others. In summary:
 1. I think or know I had Covid-19:
 - Can be around others after:
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - 24 hours with no fever without use of fever-reducing medication **and**
 - Other symptoms are improving*
 2. I tested positive but have no symptoms:
 - Can be around others after:
 - 10 days since the positive test
 3. I was in close contact** with someone that had Covid-19:
 - Can be around others after:
 - 14 days after your last exposure to that person

** Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.*

*** Close contact is defined by CDC as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic clients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.*

Club-owned Boats and Equipment. Club-owned boats are available for members' use for approved activities at your own risk. When using club-owned boats, you are required to clean and sanitize the boat and all appropriate equipment before and after usage. The key to adequate cleaning is to sanitize all areas commonly touched. Use the following steps to properly sanitize boats and equipment:

- Read all instructions on the cleaning/disinfectant solution, as the “kill time” for viruses and bacteria varies significantly.
- Sailboats - wipe down seats, cleats, centerboard, paddles, rigging, spars, masts, tillers, and rudders.
- Motorboats - wipe down seats, cleats, handrails, console, steering wheel, boat key, and key storage box.
- Race committee equipment - each safety boat operator must wipe down items used from the equipment box prior to returning the equipment box to the equipment shed.
- All equipment boxes, as well as equipment used during the race (marks, flags, anchors, Ollie, radios, etc.) must be wiped down once returned to the equipment shed or clubhouse closet.
- If you used a club life jacket/personal flotation device, you must disinfectant it prior to returning.
- Only one person is permitted in the equipment shed at a time. The last person out must wipe down the handle to the equipment shed.

Club-owned Facilities. The clubhouse and kitchen are open for member use.

- The clubhouse restrooms are open. While cleaned regularly, they should not be considered as sanitized facilities.
- Kitchen.
 1. Eating outdoors is encouraged, and if weather allows, set out tables on the grassy area/patio. Indoor tables can be set out with four chairs per table.
 2. The kitchen already has rules and guidelines on cleaning after use, and additional spray cleaners are available.
 3. Additional hand soap is located at each sink station.
 4. Food service gloves are available for those who want to use for cooking or partaking from any food set out on the serving counter.
 5. Extra paper towels are next to the silverware bins for those who want another layer of protection when taking a fork or knife. Rolling utensils in a napkin is encouraged but not mandatory.
 6. Two persons at time, or any family group at a time, can go through the serving line, or organizers may choose to serve the food “to order” as guests walk down the line. Our members know their comfort zone and will accommodate on their own.
- Ice machine. Food service gloves have been set out for those who feel the need and Extra paper toweling is available.

Fleet Racing. Beginning Saturday, June 6, we will resume 2 p.m. fleet racing. In addition to Thistles, Y-Flyers, and Snipes, starts will be offered to Optimis, Lasers, and 420s.

Safety remains our top priority. Sailors, as well as race committee members, should be conservative in decision-making and are expected to comply with social distancing guidelines.

- **Race Committee.** If you are not comfortable serving in an assigned race committee role, do not participate. If practical, only people who shelter together serve on the same mark boat or on the race committee barge.

If you are assigned and will not participate, inform your PRO in advance so that other arrangements can be made.

- **Race Management.** Club Fleet Sailing Instructions, 2020 Sailing Season will be used for race management, however, PROs are authorized to employ practices they deem appropriate depending on conditions, participants, and race committee capabilities. Race management changes will be communicated to participants. Examples:
 - Manage racing from a mark boat.
 - Using Appendix U Audible-Signal Racing System (i.e., sounds only, no flags)
 - Utilize Hippity Hops instead of inflatable marks.
- **Sailors.** If practical, only people who shelter together should sail on the same boat.

Club Sponsored Social Activities. The Board of Governors continues to assess the guidance from government and health officials and are working to define the applicable criteria required to reinstate club social activities as soon as practical. Condition changes will be communicated via the AYC Weekly Update email.