



COVID-19: GUIDANCE FOR CANADIANS USING MARINAS AND BOAT LAUNCHES



DO YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR BOAT, CANOE, KAYAK, PADDLE BOARD OR ANOTHER KIND OF PLEASURE CRAFT?

Staying home saves lives; but if you are going to travel on the water, be prepared. Check any provincial, territorial, local and regional health measures regarding social gatherings, physical distancing, or non-essential services that might impact your trip to ensure boating is allowed locally.

The recreational boating season in Canada is a busy time for marinas and boat launches across the country. You should look to your local jurisdiction for advice on measures related to discretionary or non-essential activities. If local measures allow operating a pleasure craft, Canadians are being asked to maintain physical distancing to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and support public health and safety. With this in mind, the following measures are strongly recommended for pleasure craft operators and everyone on board:

- **Contact marina and vessel storage facilities in advance to understand local COVID-19 practices.**
- **Keep a distance of at least 2 metres from other people and boats.**
- **Avoid using boat ramps and docks while other people are on them.**
- **Respect your local health authority's measures with respect to the size and make-up of your boating group.**
- **Refrain from beaching your boat right next to someone else.**

- **Avoid sharing your boating or fishing equipment.**
- **Face coverings and non-medical masks can be useful for short periods of time, when physical distancing is not possible in public settings. If the face covering or non-medical mask becomes damp or wet, we encourage you to replace it with a dry one.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap under warm running water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.**

Pleasure craft operators and everyone on board are asked to avoid any unnecessary contact with others during their trip.

As always, boaters must operate at safe speeds. Don't cruise while drinking alcohol or using cannabis.

In keeping with all public health messaging, marina operators are encouraged to follow their provincial or territorial guidelines as well as direction provided by their local or regional health authority.

As an additional support, the Public Health Agency of Canada has published a framework for risk-informed decision making about public health actions for workplaces and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit: Canada.ca/coronavirusbeprepared#a5

For more information on COVID-19: Canada.ca/COVID19

