

Waterfront Guidelines – Summer 2020

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The Dock and Waterfront at Three Arrows are important, some would say critical, facilities of the community. As we begin the summer season in this unprecedented time of COVID-19, the Waterfront Committee has worked diligently to put in place a set of guidelines that balance the safety of our members, guests and employees, with the need to have accessible outdoor space and recreational activities. Fundamental to the smooth operation of the dock during these challenging times are the principles that we are each responsible for ourselves and our families, and we are also responsible to and for each other. We are a self-governing, self-policing community that only functions when we all act cooperatively and with respect.

The following guidelines will be updated as things develop. In this guidance, a "family" is defined as those who are not social distancing from each other; guests and family members who are social distancing are considered separate groups/individuals.

Please make sure that anyone staying in or visiting your house is aware of and adheres to these guidelines.

Congregating – Perhaps more than any other activity, we use the dock to enjoy the outdoors and to meet with others. We ask that people observe the following guidelines:

- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) among non-family/household members
- Wear a mask (optional for children 6 and under).
- Use hand sanitizer when arriving on the dock (Community will try to maintain a supply but people are encouraged to bring their own.)
- Chairs and tables will not put out until further notice.
- Up to 25 people on the dock at one time, depending on the ability to maintain social distancing.
 - o Members are expected to self-monitor and be respectful of those who may be waiting to get on the dock.
 - o If people are waiting, those who have been on the dock for longer than an hour should leave to make room for others. Observe FOFO – First on, first off.
 - o We may install tables and chairs off the dock for those waiting.
- There is no seating on any part of the dock other than the main seating area and by the cribs. Do not sit, sun or congregate near the boats or swim ladders.
- GUESTS: Members are encouraged to be thoughtful about the number of guests they bring to the dock, particularly during peak hours.
- GANGWAY: Maintain social distance and only one individual/party at a time. Imagine the gangway as a narrow rope bridge and wait for anyone already on it to exit completely before walking onto the gangway. Please don't pass anyone in any direction.

Swimming: When in the water, please observe the following safety measures:

- When in the water, stay at least 6 feet apart from non-family members.

- BABY CRIB: Only 1 family at a time in the crib area. If those watching the children are using the bench, they may ask those on the other side of the bench to relocate.
- BIG CRIB: Only 2 families at a time. Those watching children in the crib have priority for the benches/storage lockers; these are available for others when no one is in the crib.
- RAFT: Only 1 family or 2 individuals at a time.
- Noodles, kickboards and other toys will not be provided. People may bring their own, but please do not leave them on the dock. Items left on the dock may be discarded for safety reasons.

Boating: Community boats will not be available until further notice. The following guidance is for all boaters, including private boats:

- Private boats cannot be used on the lake until proper insurance documentation has been provided to the insurance committee and the boat has a Barger Pond sticker indicating the owner commits to observing appropriate cleaning guidelines.
- When on the dock, boaters should wear masks and maintain social distancing.
- All boaters are required to wear lifejackets.
- Life guards will not assist boaters into or out of boats in order to maintain social distancing.
- Lifeguards have the authority to prohibit people from taking out boats (private and community) if they lack lifejackets or if, in the guard's opinion, the boaters pose a risk to themselves or others.

Let's all remember that Three Arrows is an ongoing experiment in cooperative self-governance; it only works when we all work together. Should a conflict arise, members should contact the Waterfront Ombuds, Sharon Bromberg at 914-391-6874. Comments or suggestions about the operation of the waterfront can be sent to the entire committee at waterfront@threearrowsco-op.org, or to the chair Joel Roselin jr2644@columbia.edu.

These guidelines will be updated as the situation develops.

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