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General Manager, Scott King

Update from General Manager, Scott King regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear all

Stay the blazes home! In a weekend that saw the two biggest single day increases in new cases we also saw our premier launch himself into popular culture with a lively turn of phrase.

The province continues to step up its response to social behavior with law enforcement and the next few weeks will see that continue without much apology. This week in particular will be a challenging week for all as cases are rapidly increasing and we very unfortunately had the first COVID-19 related fatality announced today.

Some concise sources of information:

- [Nova Scotia Government](#)
- [Federal Government](#)
- [Practical Tips](#)

We are continuing to keep the club moving as best we can towards the season and managing our workplace. You would have read the Commodore and my statement regarding further restrictions to boatyard activity, an unfortunate however necessary step. We are to remain home or in our immediate neighborhoods at all times, aside from a very small list of essential activities, and our club must stay as inactive as possible.

In the interests of security, our main entry gate will be closed at 9am on Thursday 9th April and will not be operational until further notice. Please note, cards that have been previously issued will not open the gate. Unfortunately, due to technical issues the gate is not operational. Work is continuing however at this time members are asked to access the property via the South Gate should they need to, between the hours of 9am to 5pm ONLY, seven days. I am not comfortable placing such restrictions on the membership, however the security of the property must be maintained. It is unfortunate that the gate is not operational however I would rather it be closed than open at this time, I trust that you are in support.

We have recently had non-members access the property on several occasions and this is not acceptable. Given we have ceased operations we do not have our usual presence and activity on the property is extremely low. Further, as the province has closed parks, beaches, trails & recreational areas people have been wandering around looking for something to do...I'm certainly not prepared to have our club open for random adventures.

On a much lighter note, Episode Three of Squadron Pirate Radio is live and this time we welcome retired navy captain, RNSYS Secretary and all-round swashbuckler Capt. Stuart Andrews. Our content blog "Flotsam & Jetsam" has been updated with some fantastic new links perfect to relax with some isolation libations. We'd love to keep building our archive so please send anything family-friendly to rnsys@rnsys.com. Participation in The Virtual Sailing Championship is off the charts, I'm delighted that members old and young are getting involved and pushing their competitive spirit during this time.

Our FAQ has been updated, notably with the revision to boatyard activity, I encourage you to review it. If you don't see what you are looking for, please email rnsys@rnsys.com to ask us a question.

This continues to be a very unusual and difficult time for all of us and will no doubt continue to be for some time. While we are all speculating about what this means for us, our sport, our club and the up-coming season but, none of us know. I do know however that we will continue to make decisions in the best interests of our club and of course the membership.

I am acutely aware that in making these restrictive decisions that I am inconveniencing the membership and I apologize in advance for that. I do hope however that you are all supportive of our position to support the province while maintaining the health & safety of both members and staff and I very much look forward to more positive messaging very soon.

As always, please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or concerns to gm@rnsys.com

Sincerely

Scott King
General Manager