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Dear All

The pandemic continues and there has been no easing of NS Health restrictions yet, but we are hopeful. As the weather improves, more and more people are sharing the few remaining trails that are still open and neighbourhood sidewalks are becoming increasingly congested. It is our expectation that there could be some loosening of restrictions within the next few weeks. Ideally we would see parks and trails reopen and perhaps launch ramps and a return to some form of boating.

We will continue to stay the course but it is always good to plan too and that is what your staff and Board have been doing. We are developing a series of protocols that we are enhancing with your input based on yesterday's Member Boat Survey. We are pleased to say that we have already received well over a hundred responses so stay tuned shortly to the results from that. All of our planning is of course subject to whatever the province decides, in what form and when. On a hopeful note, we are now seeing plans for easing restrictions in Saskatchewan and New Brunswick and that may give us some idea of what our province's thinking may eventually be. Again, we are hopeful but as we look outside at the falling snow we know it is still early days yet.

In the meantime, we are going to commence assembling the marina although this may be weather delayed from time to time. This process will likely take a little longer than usual due to the restrictions around social distancing, but it will happen. Once we ease into the next phase, coincident with NS Health opening some recreational options, we will open the yard to increased yet controlled and scheduled access. Proper boat preparation can commence and the launch schedule will be activated. Specific yard protocols will dictate how boats are launched, masts are stepped and slips are populated plus so much more. It will take more time but it will happen and we will have a boating season.

And again, for those that have been safety checking their boats, thank you for being very respectful of the RNSYS guidelines in place, it is much appreciated. Please continue to observe and respect the Health NS guidelines so that we can get to the next level safely and as soon possible.

Standing by

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