Ohio Marina Guidance Related to COVID-19

Please note that policies and direction regarding COVID-19 shift week-to-week. As a result, the following information may become dated in the future. Also, while some of the following direction comes from national sources, as Ohio residents we must be careful to follow any Ohio specific orders provided by the Governor’s office. Thank you.

Your Guide to Operating Your Boat Business Safely


Association of Marina Industries

- General Resources: https://marinaassociation.org/covid-19
- Business Prep for COVID-19: https://mailchi.mp/e7a8d43892e4/6ji33zms9v-3477449
- Webinar: https://marinaassociation.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=5%2F5%2F20&eventid=87

Marina Dock Age

- General Resources: https://www.marinadockage.com/covid-19-resources/
- News archive: https://www.marinadockage.com/tag/covid19/

Ohio EPA


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Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals

- Webinars: https://www.recpro.org/webinars

National Parks and Recreation Association


ODNR

- ODNR takes direction from the Ohio Department of Health and Governor DeWine. The Governor and Director Acton’s plan released on April 27th outlined guidance for retail stores and can be applied to marina store operations.
- Private businesses should reach out to their local health departments or the state health department for further guidance.
ODNR and the National Safe Boating Council offer these safety tips for boating and social distancing:

- Follow state and local guidance for outdoor recreation.
- Share a float plan with a family member or friend with the details of your trip in the event of an emergency.
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Carry all required boating safety equipment such as flares, navigation lights, a horn or whistle, and a first aid kit.
- Limit the people aboard your boat to people in your immediate household.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people who do not live in your house.
- Maintain safe distance at the fuel dock or loading up at the marina.
- Wash hands frequently or use a hand sanitizer, such as after touching a marina gate or fuel pump.
- Don’t raft up to other boaters or pull up onto a beach next to someone else as it could put you in close proximity to others.
- Go right from your house to the boat and back so that you don’t have unnecessary contact with anyone.
- Pack food, water, and other things you may need as restaurants and marina stores may not be open.
- Never boat under the influence.
- No distracted boating and travel at safe speeds.
- Have more than one communication device that works when wet.

More safe boating tips and educational resources can be found at safeboatingcampaign.com. The Safe Boating Campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.