

**Solomons Island Yacht Club
Re-Opening Plan
Effective June 19, 2020
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BACKGROUND:

The ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND NUMBER 20-06-10-01 states the following. (Excerpted from the Order)

Subject to applicable Local Orders and Secretary's Directives, the following establishments in Maryland ("Indoor Recreation Establishments") may open to the general public, effective as of 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2020:

1. bingo halls;
2. bowling alleys;
3. pool halls;
4. roller and ice skating rinks;
5. social and fraternal clubs (including without limitation, American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Clubs) ("Social Clubs"); and
6. the indoor areas of any other establishments that are subject to the

admission and amusement tax under Title 4 of the Tax-General Article of the Maryland Code; provided, however, that the total number of persons permitted in an Indoor Recreation Establishment at any one time shall not exceed 50% of that Indoor Recreation Establishment's Maximum Occupancy (defined below).

Foodservice Establishments.

- i. Subject to applicable Local Orders, applicable Secretary's Directives, and paragraph III.f.ii below, (a) restaurants, bars, nightclubs, and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in Maryland, and (b) Social Clubs with dining facilities (collectively, "Foodservice Establishments") may, to the extent permitted by applicable law:
 1. serve food and beverages to customers for consumption in outdoor seating areas;
 2. sell food and beverages that are promptly taken from the premises, i.e., on a carry-out or drive-through basis;
 3. deliver food and beverages to customers off the premises; and
 4. effective as of 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2020, serve food and beverages to customers for consumption in indoor seating areas.
- ii. Foodservice Establishments shall:
 1. require all staff to wear Face Coverings, in accordance with the Face Coverings Order (defined below);

2. not allow the number of persons in the Foodservice Establishment to exceed 50% of the Foodservice Establishment's Maximum Occupancy (defined below);
3. not serve food in a buffet format;
4. not serve customers who are not seated; and
5. clean and disinfect each table between each seating in accordance with CDC and MDH guidelines, using cleaning products that meet the criteria of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use against COVID-19.

Following the Governor's Order, the Maryland Department of Health issues guidelines that we must address and follow. In particular, they stated:

Our office is requesting all restaurants and bars to submit an updated floor plan. Please indicate the spacing between tables and the number of chairs at each table. The updated floor plan should be emailed to calvert.food@maryland.gov. This will confirm the layout is compliant with the current Executive Order, State Directive (attached), and our guidelines.

Rick Sass, Doug Smith and Bob Lightstone have configured the tables and chairs inside the Club to be compliant with the Health Department guidelines, i.e., not more than 6 people at a table, tables 9 feet apart, and adequate space in front of the lounge bar so social distancing of 6 feet can be maintained by those ordering, and they can remain away from those seated at the tables. As of June 17, 2020, the floor plans submitted to the Maryland Department of Health have been deemed consistent with the current Executive Order and MDH guidelines. The new seating capacity limits are: in the lounge 54 members; upstairs 60 members.

RE-OPENING SIYC Safely and in Compliance with Guidelines:

- 1. Initiate a "Soft-Opening" (Phase I) of the Club to Work out any issues, observe attendance and compliance of members with guidelines.**

"Soft-Opening" Events to date:

- Opened the Pier and outside bathrooms to SIYC members & transients.
- Opened the Club to members for the first time since March 16, 2020, on May 30, 2020, from 3:30-7:30 pm. Food was provided by the Grizzly Mountain food truck and we had an outdoor bar.
- On June 5, 2020, from 4-7 pm, we had Riggi Diggi Diggi Dogs cart at the Club from 4-7 pm with the lounge bar open for carry-out drinks from 3:30-7:30 pm.
- On June 6, 2020, from 4-7 pm, we had Linda's Café food truck with the lounge bar open for carry-out drinks from 3:30-7:30 pm.
- On June 12, 2020, we opened the lounge bar from 4-7:30 pm for carry-out drinks. No food.
- On June 13, 2020, we had the lounge bar open from 4-8:00 pm for carry-out drinks, the Grizzly Mountain food truck and the band Swingaway from 5-8 pm.

Actions taken to date in support of opening:

- Professionally clean the outside bathrooms on Friday & Monday and provide disinfecting materials for patrons to employ after use of the facilities.
- Professionally cleaned the lounge area of the Clubhouse so the inside bar could reopen.
- Provided outdoor seating compliant with spacing requirements and number of persons allowed at a table.
- Provided carry-out drinks.
- Provided food sold from private, licensed food trucks for consumption outside.
- Provided hand sanitizer at the tables and entrances to the Club.
- Provided required EPA registered disinfectants and wipes to clean the bar area and hand sanitizer for the bartenders.
- Provided gloves for the bartenders.
- Required the use of masks inside the Club by the bartenders and those ordering carry-out drinks.
- Provided drinks in disposable, one-time use only glasses.
- Regularly cleaned outdoor tables.
- Posted required signage for social distancing, table occupancy requirements and limiting the number of people who can enter the Club at any one time to buy carry-out drinks.
- Rearranged the Club tables to be compliant with guidelines for indoor use of the Club.

Observations:

- The people who came to the Club enjoyed themselves and observed safety measures though some members did not feel that way and were uncomfortable.
- A fair number of members indicated that they were uncomfortable returning to the Club and would not do so for the foreseeable future.
- Some of those reluctant to come to the Club have ventured out – some returned, others did not.
- The bar revenues by themselves have been great, helped by the consumption of more liquor rather than beer or wine.
- The food trucks have been a hit, and good support to the local vendors. They have also been an easy way to provide food to members without having to worry about cooking food and addressing the additional health department requirements, such as no buffets and food must only be served at tables.

2. **Gradually Adding to Club Services (Phase 2) to provide more Club benefits to the members given the constraints of:**

- the Governor's Order;
- fewer members comfortable coming to the Club;
- the inability to provide sufficient business to justify bringing staff back this early in the opening process;

- the lack of volunteer bartenders due to fewer members who bartend returning to the Club;
- logistical and health issues related to in-house food service.

Note: While the Governor's latest Order does allow inside services, it requires additional safeguards to prevent virus transmission in an enclosed environment. Also, given that an enclosed environment is more conducive to virus transmission, weather permitting, members are encouraged to use the outside tables and chairs as much as possible.

Next Steps, beginning June 19, 2020:

- Open the Club's inside tables and restrooms to Club members for bar services. Capacity limits inside must be strictly observed. The capacity limits are: 54 seated members in the lounge and 60 seated members upstairs.
- Provide professional cleaning services for the Club through July 31, 2020.
- No SIYC sponsored food service will be offered initially until various logistical, health, service and capacity issues can be adequately addressed.
- Continue to provide food service via food trucks, especially on weekend evenings.
- When consuming beverages or food truck food inside the Clubhouse, requirements for members are:
 - Wear face masks when ordering beverages at the bar.
 - Wear face masks when moving about in the lounge or inside upstairs.
 - Observe social distancing when ordering at the bar.
 - No congregating or sitting at the bar; once you receive your beverages, return to sit at your table.
 - No standing to converse around the tables is permitted. You must remain seated at your table when inside the lounge.
 - Wear face masks when not eating or drinking at the table.
 - No more than 6 people at a table.
 - Tables must remain 9 feet apart; no rearranging of the tables or chairs.
 - Wipe your table down with the disinfecting wipes provided around the Club when you leave your table.
- Beginning June 19, 2020 at 5:00 pm, members may use the Clubhouse for previously approved activities such as Mahjong and Pilates. CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines must be observed. If you move the tables or chairs, please put them back where they were before you leave. We are required to maintain a specific floor plan and your help is appreciated. Please wipe down any tables and chairs used with the disinfecting wipes and sprays provided.
- During periods when the Club is officially open and bar service available, tables and chairs must not be moved so as to comply with the floor plan submitted to the State.
- Guests are allowed at the Club but must be signed-in by a member.
- All entertainment will be set-up outside. No inside entertainment until further notice.

Hours of Operation:

- **June 19 – July 31, 2020** Given staffing and volunteer constraints (we currently have only 17 volunteer bartenders), the Club will be open initially as follows:
 - Wednesday & Thursday (subject to the availability of volunteer bartenders)
 - 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 - Friday & Saturday
 - 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm (On July 4, 2020, hours will be 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
 - NOTE: if you want to open the bar at other times, you must:
 - Obtain the permission, 24 hours in advance, from the Rear Commodore.
 - Provide a trained bartender.
- **August 1 – onward** – If conditions warrant, our plan is to recall staff and resume normal hours provided we have sufficient volunteer bartenders. We will keep members informed.

Food Services:

- **June 19 – July 31, 2020**
 - We are exploring ways to provide some limited, in-house food services within the guidelines, such as no buffets, and the staffing and capacity constraints, e.g., no more than 54 diners would be allowed in the lounge.
 - We will continue to provide food trucks on weekends as available.
 - When food trucks are not available, members are encouraged to buy carry-out food from a local vendor and bring it to the Club.
- **August 1 – onward** – If conditions warrant, our plan is to recall staff and resume normal hours in compliance with the Governor’s and County’s guidelines concerning type of food service available. We will keep members informed.

3. “Full” Reopening (Phase 3) – as conditions and Governor’s Orders allow.