

Boating Ontario

April 17, 2021 - The specifics and details from yesterday's announcement have now been published and we have just been made aware of updated restrictions to our sector. These restrictions are similar to what we managed in May 2020 and are in place (currently) until May 20, 2021.

(5) Section 37 of Schedule 2 to the Regulation is revoked and the following substituted:

Marinas

37. (1) Marinas that meet the conditions set out in this section.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), only the following services may be provided:

1. Repairing or servicing boats or other watercraft.

2. Placing boats or other watercraft in the water to be secured to a dock until the marina is open to the public.

3. Any other services that may be required to,

- 1. enable individuals to access their place of residence or their other property,*
- 11. support government operations or services, or*
- 111. support the transportation of items by commercial barges.*

(3) For greater certainty, the person who operates the marina shall not permit it to be used for recreational boating purposes except as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (2).

(4) For greater certainty, nothing in this Order precludes a person responsible for a marina that maintains docking facilities for members or patrons from operating a food or drink establishment on the premises, as long as section 6 is complied with.

Further information can be found within these links;

https://files.ontario.ca/solgen_oreg297-21_amend82-20_2021-04-17.pdf

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200082/v60?search=firearms>

For all Boating Ontario members – we would interpret that these new regulations permit you to continue to pull shrink wrap and prep boats for the season (2 – 1 & 2 above).

For boat dealers - Please refer to Schedule 2, Section 9 of Ontario Regulation 82/20.

For marinas – please pay close attention to section 3 ***'person who operates the marina shall not permit it to be used for recreational boating purposes except as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (2)'***. We would interpret that you must make effort to disable the boats once they are launched.

For dryland members – we would interpret that your water access clients may – under strict social distancing protocols – pick up their boats to ***'enable access to place of residence or their other property.'***

We have had many calls, texts and emails this morning about municipally run launch ramps. These are local municipality decisions that Boating Ontario cannot affect. Please contact your local municipal officials to discuss.

As always we urge all members to call the toll free Business Information Line for COVID-19 (888) 444-3659, and to contact your local health authority for further information.

Let's all hope that these new measures allow us to get to the summer 2021 boating season beginning on the May long weekend.

Stay Safe

Stay Healthy

Your Boating Ontario Team

The logo for Boating Ontario features the word "Boating" in a large, bold, yellow sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Ontario" is written in a smaller, blue, italicized sans-serif font. The two words are centered and overlap slightly.