

Mid-Harbor



Launch Service to begin on May 26, 2020

During Phase 1 Re-opening, we have been given permission from the Commonwealth to provide launch service in a very limited capacity. The highlights are: Our vessel capacity has been reduced to a total of nine passengers. In addition to reducing our capacity by more than half, we are also required to maintain six feet of social distancing while onboard. That means we will be very hard pressed to be able to carry nine. We believe our true capacity will be closer to six. We are asking that only the Captain of the boat take the ride so that we can provide service to more boats. There will be exceptions of course, leaving children on the dock would be an example of what we are not going to do.

That being said, below are some of the new procedures that will be required to board our vessels.

1.) As per State guidance, all customers will be required to wear a mask while on the launch. All launch drivers will be wearing masks and sanitizing between runs. Wait times will increase during Phase 1 Re-opening.

2.) We will not be providing a land based radio to contact the launch. You will have to hail the launch using your own personal VHF radio on Ch. 69. We would suggest also not sharing your VHF with others. Our office will not be available to contact the launch.

3.) We ask that customers observe Marblehead's requirements for social distancing while on the town property. Marblehead's requirements can be found on the Harbormasters' website. [Harbor Regulations Amendment Covid-19 2020](#)

Failure to do so could result in the town shutting down access to all public docks and piers and our launch service.

4.) Our schedule during Phase 1 Re-opening will be as follows:

Monday-CLOSED

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- 9am to 6pm.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday- 9am to 8pm.

LAST CALL IS NOW ONE HOUR PRIOR TO CLOSING, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Until the capacity restrictions are lifted, we are implementing this to be sure that everyone who contacts us within the proper time frame can be brought in.

The reason for the schedule change is so that we can run all three launches to try and keep up with demand due to the capacity restrictions.

We anticipate and appreciate your cooperation during these strange times we are living in.

Brendan and Amy
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