

## Waggoner Guide – Covid 19 Safe Boating Guidelines

As government agencies loosen restrictions on recreational activities, boaters should check the closed/open status of marine facilities and border crossings before heading out. Waggoner Guide maintains an up-to-date list of boater facilities at [www.WaggonerGuide.com/covid-19](http://www.WaggonerGuide.com/covid-19). Also check individual marina websites for details. Be sure to check with city and county authorities to confirm that local communities are accepting and welcoming non-resident guests. As conscientious citizens and boaters, we want to adhere to all government Covid-19 directives and guidelines for safe boating activities. Waggoner Guide shares the following tips, which serve as recommended guidelines for safe boating.

1. Be Prepared and Be Self-Reliant
  - Avoid the need to call upon first-responders
  - Don't take chances that might require assistance
  - If you need assistance, minimize your impact on first-responders
  - Let first responders know if you have any flu-like symptoms when calling for assistance
2. Marinas and Launch Ramps
  - Marina offices may be closed to public access but staffed - phone to register and pay
  - Wear a mask/face covering
  - Maintain 6 feet/2 meter social distancing at all times
  - On narrow docks, use finger floats, ramps, and wait your turn to maintain social distancing
  - Use sanitizer after using pay stations and self-registration stations
3. Guests Onboard
  - Keep the onboard group to household family members
  - Self-isolate if anyone has symptoms or may have been exposed
4. Handcarts
  - Minimize use of dock-carts
  - Wipe down the cart handle and other surfaces
  - Use sanitizer dispensers
5. Park and Public Docks (State, Provincial, County, City, and Natural Resources)
  - Check the open/closed status before approaching
  - Don't use when Closed – even if other boats are using them
  - No dinghy landing when Closed
  - No Rafting
  - Minimize activities on the docks/floats
  - Avoid crowds, have alternate plans and be prepared to go somewhere else
6. Anchor-out or tie to a mooring buoy when/where possible.
  - No rafting

7. Fuel Docks
  - Yield priority access to commercial and essential service vessels
  - Minimize use of offices
  - Use gloves when handling hoses and nozzles
  - Maintain Social Distancing
8. Marina Restrooms and Showers
  - Use onboard facilities whenever possible
  - Check with marina for protocols and open/closed status
  - Toilet paper may not be available
9. Marina Laundry
  - Check with marina for protocols and open/closed status
10. Pumpout Facilities
  - Wear gloves and protective equipment
  - Wash thoroughly afterwards
11. Potable Water
  - Check with the marina for availability and protocols
12. If you must leave your boat
  - Check to be sure that local communities are accepting and welcoming non-resident guests
  - Wear a mask/face covering
  - Clean handles, door knobs, light switches and control panels on your boat
  - Use local grocery delivery services where available
13. Yacht Clubs
  - Most reciprocal moorage and outstations are closed – check with the yacht club
14. Quarantine / Self-Isolate Protocol
  - Contact the marina to confirm moorage quarantine protocol
  - State your intention to quarantine so that the marina is prepared
  - Stay on board your vessel
  - Fly a yellow/black “L” or Lima quarantine flag when the boat is under quarantine  
Fly the all yellow “Q” or Quebec flag to request boarding and inspection, when the boat is free of disease.
  - Some BC Marinas are requiring a 14-day self-isolate before accepting guest moorage
15. Good Practices On and Off the Boat
  - Don't touch your face, mouth, eyes, or nose
  - Carry sanitizer wipes, disposable gloves, and mask/face covering
  - Regular hand-washing with hot water and soap for at least 20 seconds