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Boating Advisory

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic, the Town of Barnstable Marine and Environmental Affairs Department is implementing the following social distancing guidelines for Boating, Boat Ramps, and Town Ways to Water until further notice.

Please adhere to the following guidelines when visiting the Town of Barnstable waterways.

Protecting yourself while Boating:

- Boaters should stay at least 6 feet away from others while boating and should not raft or beach their vessel near others.
- Vessels on public waterways should remain underway at all times, unless you are anchoring for fishing or an emergency situation arises.
- Only persons from the same household should be together on a boat at one time.

Protecting yourself at the Boat Ramp:

- Boaters should stay at least 6 feet away from others while launching or hauling their vessel at Town of Barnstable/State boat ramps.
- Boaters should remain in vehicles until there is ample space to launch or haul their vessel.
- Boaters should launch and haul their vessels as quickly and safely as possible.
- Gatherings of people at Town run boat ramps will not be tolerated and these locations are subject to closure if social distancing is not achieved.

Protecting yourself at Town ways to water:

- Members of the public should stay at least 6 feet away from others while at Town Ways to Water.
- As of April 3, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings.
- If you are storing a Small Vessel at a Town Way to Water please abide by our "Protect yourself while boating guidelines" above.
- Gatherings of people on Town property will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by social distancing, i.e., keeping at least 6 feet away from others, at these locations may result in the closure of Town property.