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Public and Private Marinas and Docks Open with Restrictions

(April 21, 2020, Red Wing, Minn.) – As boating season begins, city officials reviewed the Governor's orders and its impact on local government services to ensure compliance with the current State of Emergency and the Governor's Stay at Home order. Governor Walz issued Executive Order 20-38 which states "*public and private marinas and docks that provide storage, docking, and mooring services to slip owners or seasonal renters, as well as facilities that provide safety-related services including fueling, emergency dockage, and sanitary pump-out stations*" may open provided they adhere to the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines included in Executive Orders 20-38.

Outdoor Recreation Guidelines are available on [DNR's website](#). Some of the guidelines for the public related to recreational boating include:

- Only boat with those in your immediate household and maintain a minimum six-foot distance from other boats at all times. Beaching or rafting with other boats is not allowed.
- When launching/loading your boat, give those ahead of you plenty of time and space to finish launching or loading before you approach.
- Practice social distancing (stay at least 6 feet from people from other households).

The following rules will be posted on all Ole Miss Marina docks;

The Ship Store and restrooms will remain closed until such time as Governor Walz's Stay at Home Order has been lifted or until staff has a protocol for sanitizing and cleaning.

Reminder:

- Gas and pump-outs are available on an on-call basis.
- When at the gas dock, only two boats at a time are allowed to receive fuel or a pump-out.
- One boat per side dock (finger).
- Staff will secure your boat.

- Please stay on your boat and on the opposite side of your gas and pump-out covers.
- Staff will service, take payment, and untie your boat while you remain on-board.

To maintain social distancing when launching your boat, please;

- Prepare your boat before the staff arrives.
- Stay in your vehicle while your boat is loaded.
 - Staff will load your boat and meet you at the boat ramp.
- Board your boat when it is in the water.
- Remain on your boat until it is secured by staff and they leave the dock.
 - If you are by yourself and need assistance getting into your slip, staff will meet you at your slip and assist.
- Wear a mask if you need a ride back to your vehicle.
 - City policy requires a mask if two people ride in a vehicle.

On the Ole Miss Marina docks, only boat owners and their immediate household are allowed on the docks and your boat.

- Docks are not open to the public.
- No gathering on the docks or patio areas.
- Please stay on your own boat.
- When meeting another person on a dock, please allow that person to pass by going on a side dock (finger) at least 6' away. The same rules apply when someone is coming down a gangway towards you.
- Please wait at the top or bottom of the gangway and allow that person to pass before you start on your way.

The rules in effect at Ole Miss Marina are approved by the Red Wing City Council, who monitor the Executive Orders issued by Governor Walz as plans to reopen public and private marinas begin. We know that outdoor activities are important to the health of our citizens and community, and we are pleased to share this important update with our residents.

The City of Red Wing is dedicated to the ongoing health and well being of its residents. With its tradition of growth, stability, and innovation, city leadership continues to maintain a proactive approach and a firm commitment to businesses, history, natural resources and, most importantly, the Red Wing community.

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