



**AMENDMENT #1 to**

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL**

**March 30, 2020**

**The undersigned hereby amends the State of Emergency Declaration by adding Sections 6-12.**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Belangia issued a State of Emergency at 3:45PM on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the control measures contained herein is necessary to maintain order and to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Oriental under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter B, Article 2 of the Town of Oriental Code of General Ordinances, the State of Emergency is to be amended with the addition of the following sections:

Section 6. All Public Restrooms will remain open to Public Use.

Section 7. The Public Fishing Pier will be closed to Public Use.

Section 8. The Public Docks (Town Dock 1, Town Dock 2, Dinghy Dock) will remain open to Public Use. Visitors to Public Docks that are nonresidents are required to self isolate at the docks. Visitors are restricted to the dock area. Small boat ramp remains OPEN.

Section 9. All Public Parks are open for use, playground facilities are CLOSED to Public Use.

Section 10. Visitors restricted: **Nonresident nonproperty owners are restricted.** Any nonresident property owner in the Town of Oriental is required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travel consistent with the Governor's Stay-At-Home Executive Order 121 through Town is allowed.

Section 11. Transaction fees connected to Water Billing will be waived so as to encourage payment of bills online. Cash will no longer be accepted through the drop box at Town Hall for Water Payments or permit fees. Payments will be accepted in check, money order, or credit card.

Section 12. Violation. – Any person who violates any provision of an ordinance or a declaration enacted or declared pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

## Sea Harbour Yacht Club and Covid-19 Update – 3/29/2020

SHYC Members,

In the past 11 days since my last message, North Carolina's confirmed cases of Covid-19 has risen from 91 to 1040 today. Pamlico remains one of the 31 counties that have not yet reported a confirmed case. I think we all know it is only a matter of time and a matter of testing that will confirm cases in all counties.

It is for this reason, to slow the spread of this virus, Executive Order No. 121 was enacted yesterday issuing a mandatory "stay at home" order statewide, effective Monday at 5 p.m. All residents are ordered to stay at home except as allowed in the order.

There are a few clear examples for going out. **These include: health and safety, getting food and supplies, as well as outdoor activity.** I have been doing some research to understand what this means for members of "Sea Harbour Condominium Yacht Club, Inc.", and **this letter is to inform members about the impact of this order.**

The first question you might have is whether SHYC will remain open. The answer is yes. Under Section 2, item 22, **Transportation**, marinas are permitted to remain open.

The next question you might have is whether you can come to SHYC. In Section 1, item 3.viii, **Place of residence**, residents can "return to or travel between one's place or places of residence...". So, this confirms it is permitted to come to SHYC and return to your primary residence.

You might also wonder if you can use your boat. While I am no lawyer, everything I have read seems to support boating as covered under Section 1, item 3.iii, **For outdoor activity.**

You might interpret as all normal. However, **we need to be clear about what we can't do at SHYC.** The order requires that all business that remain open **meet social distancing requirements for employees and customers (in our case members).** We must insist that all members follow the requirements outlined in the order. *Specifically, maintain at least 6 feet distancing from other individuals, frequently wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, and regularly clean high-touch surfaces.* Harbour Management and its contractors are increasing the frequency of cleaning the common areas to comply with this order. I additionally ask that if you use the common areas, **do your part and clean up after yourself.** *Please do not leave the sink areas wet, hand towels on the countertops or floor, do not leave shower towels and clothing behind to dry, etc.* These actions are for the common courtesy and health of your fellow members.

All mass **gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited.** While I believe it is uncommon to have a large number of people using our lounges at one time, we must refrain from this both inside and outside our buildings.

**Visitors are not allowed.** The order allows for residents to visit family and friends for the purposes of taking care of others, but not to gather for any social reasons. Please **do not have others** over to hang out on your boat, meet in the lounge to watch a movie, etc.

Unfortunately, this appears to be the "new normal" for the next 30 days in North Carolina. I realize this note puts a pretty negative view on the situation and makes the use of the club more difficult (and not

nearly as much fun). *However, after digging into the Executive Order, speaking with town officials, and scouring the web, the above operational aspects at SHYC are required.*

I continue to hope you are all doing well and staying safe. I truly am optimistic we will as a town, county and nation get through this together, and hopefully by May we can return to the “old normal”. Until then, flatten the curve!

Jeff Kenyon  
Commodore, Sea Harbour Yacht Club.

## Sea Harbour Yacht Club and Covid-19 Update – 3/31/2020

SHYC Members,

This is an important update for all SHYC members (owners and tenants) that are not residents of Oriental. Oriental town government has amended its state of emergency which indicates: “**Any nonresident property owner in the Town of Oriental is required to self-isolate for 14 days.**” Please see attached updated documents related to the amended declaration of emergency for the Town of Oriental.

**For SHYC**, this means anyone without a permanent Oriental address that comes to SHYC is required to stay aboard their vessel for 14 days. **The common areas are not to be used during this self-isolation time.**

Harbour Management will continue to walk the docks, adjust lines as necessary, and take care of obvious issues that may arise. Should you need anything specific done regarding your boat, please contact Harbour Management directly at [dockmaster@seaharbour.org](mailto:dockmaster@seaharbour.org) or 252-249-0808.

In the past 2 days since my last message, North Carolina’s confirmed cases of Covid-19 has risen from 1040 to 1498 today. Pamlico County has also reported its first case of Covid-19. The inevitable spread to our county is here, and we can expect cases to rise.

If we consider the spirit of the statewide Executive Order, while it is permissible to travel to/from places of residence, we should only do that if it is ESSENTIAL. We should all consider that when considering coming to live aboard a vessel at SHYC and make the right choice to stay at home as the order intends. Let’s all do our part to reduce the spread of this disease and honor the letter and spirit of these Executive Orders and States of Emergency.

As a reminder, all other aspects of the statewide Executive Order are in place, which restricts and permits various activities. It is up to all of us to understand and follow those orders.

Jeff Kenyon  
Commodore, Sea Harbour Yacht Club.

## Sea Harbour Yacht Club and Covid-19

SHYC Members,

I don't have to tell you that we as a nation, state and community we are dealing with an unprecedented outbreak of Covid-19. It is impacting our everyday lives in so many ways. SHYC is one of those communities, and as a place with joint ownership and shared spaces it places additional considerations regarding its use on all of us.

As a self-quarantine location, it may at first appear ideal, and even a bit romantic to think about being on your boat in a remote location for a period of time for a "corona-vacation" of sorts. Upon closer thought, our guidance is quite the opposite. SHYC has many shared spaces including 2 lounges, bathrooms, showers, and a laundry. In your home, you can control who is there, how surfaces are cleaned, etc. That is not the case at SHYC, and even though our facilities are cleaned regularly, we are not maintaining (and cannot maintain) a sterile environment that you can rely on to be free of the Covid-19 virus. I am sure none of us would want SHYC to become known as a mini "hot zone" in Pamlico County.

As the Commodore of another organization, I have had to deal with the cancellation of group events. As part of those decisions, I met with the Pamlico County director of public health, Scott Lenhart. I was surprised to be informed that the department consists of Scott and a nurse. The ability of the county is extremely limited in its ability to research cases of Covid-19, and anything we can do as a community to reduce that load, which is sure to come, is needed. The state does have resources that will be deployed, but the baseline capability is small. This is another example where SHYC, let alone Pamlico County and Oriental, is a place where not enough capacity exists to deal with infected patients. To that end, the board has agreed SHYC will no longer approve the use of our facilities for member or outside meetings and events until further notice.

It is my sincere hope that we can return to normal at SHYC and wherever we live in the near future. Hopefully any further restrictions will not need to be taken. The board is watching this closely and will take appropriate actions as necessary.

This note is not to say that boating is cancelled until further notice. We realize we must live our lives as much as we can in this time and expect members to use their boats and enjoy SHYC. At the same time, we need to make smart choices and if you come, PLEASE do your part to help keep the facility clean, bring some of your own supplies like hand sanitizer and wipes, etc. SHYC does stock things as usual, but you don't want to be caught wondering where the hand sanitizer walked off to (and it has)! Every little bit will help keep this virus at bay, keep you safe, and keep your fellow members safe.

In closing I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. I urge you to continue to follow the guidance we are receiving daily from numerous sources to get through this epidemic together. Let's all "flatten the curve" in 2020 and get back to enjoying boating and our lives in general!

Jeff Kenyon  
Commodore, Sea Harbour Yacht Club.



**March 30, 2020**

**State of Emergency Amendment #1 in response to  
the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order issued March 27, 2020.**

**To further combat the spread of COVID-19, the Town of Oriental directs people, with the force of law, to stay home to the extent possible and to close all but essential businesses, government services, and businesses in which work is performed outside. To read the Proclamation, go to [TownofOriental.com](http://TownofOriental.com) under Update #5.**

**You CAN:**

- Go to work if you are providing essential services according to Executive Order 121.
- Go to grocery, hardware, convenience, food take-out, gas stations.
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities.
- Go to medical appointments (check with your provider on protocol).
- Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery, or curbside pickup.
- Care for or support a friend or family member.
- Take a walk, ride your bike, jog, and be in nature for exercise. Keep Social Distance.
- Walk pets and take them to the Veterinarian, if necessary.
- Help someone get necessary supplies.
- Receive deliveries from businesses that deliver.

**YOU CANNOT:**

- Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need.
- Maintain distance of less than six (6) feet.
- Visit Nursing homes, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities.
- Gather in groups.

**According to Oriental Amendment #1 to State of Emergency:**

**YOU CAN:**

- Do all the above listed under CAN.
- Have delivery service to your residence if you are self isolating
- Use the small boat ramp for launch of kayaks, paddleboards and canoes.
- Property owners of secondary residences can come and self isolate for 14 days.
- Pay your water bill by check, money order, credit cards (fee waived)

**YOU CANNOT:**

- Visit and stay in Oriental if you are not a property owner after 5PM on March 30, 2020.
- Dock at the Public Docks and leave your vessel if you are not a property owner in Oriental.
- Pay your water bill with CASH.

All orders previously issued by the Governor of the State of North Carolina and other North Carolina officials remain in full force and effect, including Executive Orders issued since March 10, 2020. This declaration shall take effect on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 5PM and shall remain in effect until April 30, with the exception of Section 11, which is in effect until June 10, 2020, consistent with previous Ordinance suspending late and cutoff fees..

DECLARED THIS THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020, 10:37AM.

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Mayor Sally T. Belangia

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diane H. Miller, MPA, ICMA-CM, Town Clerk