

COVID-19 Update

Dear RMYS members

As you are no doubt aware, this afternoon the Premier announced that Victoria would be going into lockdown over the next 48 hours. While details are yet to be provided by the State government, it is obvious that yacht clubs will not be deemed an essential service and therefore **all** Squadron activities will be subject to the lockdown provisions – we expect that this will mean no access to the clubhouse, yard or marina after the 48 hour lead time. We will provide more detailed information as soon as we can.

While the Premier was making his announcement, General Committee was meeting via video conference to review the Squadron's response to the COVID-19 situation. Although events have overtaken us since then, the lockdown will not last forever and most of the decisions made by GC today will become relevant when the lockdown is lifted. The key decisions we took are:

- Sailing activities – all organised on water sailing activities are suspended until September 30. GC will continue to monitor the situation and change this policy as appropriate if the situation changes
- Social functions – all social functions and meetings are also suspended until September 30, with some postponed to be held at a later date, and others cancelled
- The 2020 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta is cancelled
- GC has appointed recent GC member and highly experienced medical doctor, Jim Lynch (*Antagonist*) as Honorary Medical Officer to the Squadron and delegated the making of urgent decisions in relation to the pandemic to a sub-committee of the Commodore, Jim and the General Manager; GC will continue to be the key decision-maker for non-urgent matters
- GC is determined that members can maintain contact with their yacht club and each other and we are working on a suitable online process to facilitate this.

A lot of other matters were discussed and these will be detailed in my Commodore's report in Tuesday's eBreeze.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or the general manager, preferably by email.

Finally, please look after yourselves, your loved ones and your friends and colleagues. These restrictions on our activities reflect the gravity of the COVID-19 threat. By supporting each other we will get through these testing times.

Charles Meredith
Commodore

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