

Livery Protocol Proposed by the New Jersey Marine Trades Association and the Recreational Fishing Alliance

Compiled using CDC guidelines:

Effective May 12, 2020, until adjusted. This proposal will allow a limited opening of the livery and commercial boat rental businesses that service the recreational fishing and boating industry while promoting and assuring responsible outdoor activity. It would provide help to a devastated industry, while practicing corona virus avoidance protocols.

Mandate possession of personal protective equipment including “face gear” and gloves by customers prior to the rental of a vessel. Customers will be directed to wear personal protective equipment for the duration of the rental trip. The mandatory Face covering shall include “Gaiters” or other outdoors gear that will be utilized by numerous life guard squads throughout the state and will be made available at the boat liveries and rental sites.

All rentals will be submit to social distancing protocols in place and put forward by the state.

Customers names, addresses and telephone number shall be retained by livery business.

Cleaning/disinfecting protocol carried out on each boat in between each paying customer. Cleaning will include all parts and components of the boat, such as steering wheel, engine controls, life jackets, safety equipment, handrails, deck, anchor and anchor lines, nets and any other portion of the boat in regular contact by customers. So, too, fishing equipment. The Livery owner will maintain a cleaning/disinfection log for each vessel which must be completed as near as practicable to the time the disinfecting occurs.

Each customer will be questioned regarding the symptoms of the Covid-19 virus. A person(s) with known or suspected symptoms would not be granted rental of, or admission on, a vessel.

Customers, except family, will be required not to share fishing equipment.

Where possible, use touchless payment. Where not possible, livery owners shall have available, and use, sanitizer after each transaction.

Schedule vessel rentals and vessel returns such that parties do not overlap and customers are required not to congregate.

Assure frequent cleaning of “high touch” surfaces on the way to and from where rental boats are boarded and docked.

Signage listing the symptoms of Covid 19 shall be posted on-board every vessel.