

Boathouse Reopening Plan Prepared by Rebecca Clark May 30, 2020

Link to Boathouse Reopening FAQ's: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LlpSi_S4E20qsxeDQghEpCMkGOXXFVe4ctkPNw69WbI/</u> edit?usp=sharing

REOPENING PLAN:

For the time being, we do not know when it will be possible to safely relax current social distancing protocols, because this depends on very widespread development and implementation of coronavirus testing, vaccines, and treatment. Healthcare and vaccine specialists tell us this will take a long time – most likely on the order of 6 months to a year at the soonest.

For the sport of rowing, and per USRowing Medical Commissions Coronavirus Pandemic Recommendations and Reopening Guidelines, rowing in any team boat larger than a single does not allow for social distancing (maintaining a distance greater than or equal to 6 feet apart). The only exception to this is for those who can row with other household members. Therefore, we will not be able to open our club to rowing in larger boats until such a time as it becomes possible to safely relax social distancing protocols.

Instead, our interim plan is to reopen to rowing in two phases, in accordance with local and state guidelines, implementing all appropriate precautions to reduce the risk of illness spreading within our community, and always with safety as our top priority. The first phase will allow for rowing practices in singles for previously experienced rowers in small groups of no more than 10 people total. Barring major changes, we expect that this practice structure will remain in place for the remainder of 2020. Winter training plans for 2020 are still under development due to limitations to our ability to train together safely in indoor settings. We plan to offer practices at times of the day and days of the week that largely correspond with our previous program structure. Specifically:

- Morning Masters: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 5:30 7:00 am, Sat 6:30 8 am
- Juniors and Collegiate **note summer morning schedule**: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat, 8 10:30 am
 - Wednesdays may also be added depending on the total number of participants.
- Evening Masters: Mon/Weds/Fri 6:30 8 pm OR 6 7:30 pm depending on group preferences and consensus.



Summer programs will run from June 15 until August 15, as originally planned. To minimize logistical/financial complications that could arise from additional COVID-19 outbreaks, we are asking that participants register for the summer season, then pay for the first month (June 15 to July 15). We will then set things up to bill participants for July 15 to August 15 when that time arrives, and ask that anyone who does not intend to renew to please let us know as soon as you can.

Other factors affecting reopening: ARC only owns a limited number of singles and doubles. In addition, the maximal number of rowing shells per safety launch must be capped (e.g. 4-6 experienced scullers per safety launch; 3-5 intermediate scullers; no more than 3 novice scullers). This is different from our previous program coach-to-rower ratios, so we have made adjustments to coaching personnel allocations accordingly. If there wind up being more participants than can be accommodated at one time by our limited equipment, we will split practices. In doing so, we will strive to ensure that all rowers are able to participate in a minimum of 3 on-water practice sessions per week.

Programs must also achieve a minimum enrollment level to ensure that it is possible to safely launch and retrieve the club's safety launches, which requires a total of at least 5 people. Therefore, if we are not able to achieve this enrollment level for any given program, we will not be able to run that program and will notify hopeful participants accordingly.

Program costs: Our program costs have been carefully determined to do the absolute best we can to simultaneously achieve three crucial goals: keep down individual costs, provide fair compensation to our paid professional coaching staff, and ensure the club's long-term financial viability. Program costs will be \$450 for the first half of the season for Morning Masters, Juniors, and Collegiate participants; and \$270 for Evening Masters.

Note that these program costs will not cover any needs arising from damage to the equipment. In other words, if equipment is damaged, it will no longer be available for use by any members. ARC cannot afford to pay coaches to make repairs at this time.

Dock installation: Installing our club's docks, whether the JetFloat "Bubble" Dock or the larger Connect-a-Dock, requires teamwork and coordination of a larger group of people. It takes a minimum of around 10 people to safely move and install the Bubble Dock, and a minimum of at least 20 people to safely move and install the metal ramps for access to the Connect-a-Dock. We therefore anticipate operating with our Bubble Dock during the first phase, as we do not anticipate being able to gather in groups larger than 10 people in the near term.

The **second phase** will begin once local, state, and federal authorities have determined ways to make it possible to safely relax the current social distancing protocols, thereby allowing us to row in team boats again. During this phase, we will open up practices to larger boats and will



resume operating in a fashion similar to how our programs operated prior to the Covid-19 global pandemic.