



COVID-19 ADVISORY – TRANSITION TO LEVEL 3

As at 9am – 22 April 2020

This advisory is intended to be a summary of what various NZMOA members are considering is their most recent response to the various Covid-19 directives and actions as issued by the government over the last four days. This advisory follows the earlier Advisories issued by NZMOA under level 4.

Interpretation of the Level 3 expectation has been issued over the last few days.

We recommend members share experiences with us, so these can be shared with the wider membership and continue to recommend that members visit the official government [website](#).

NZMOA:

- Your executive believes that all marinas and boat yards should be encouraging all customers to stay at home and stay away from the marinas.
- Most facilities appreciate that many marina customers are in the at-risk age group, so many marinas are offering to check and inspect vessels on behalf of customers.
- Marinas do not wish to be the source of the next outbreak nor the reason for a return to level 4.
- Any access provided to customers is being kept to a minimum and closely managed by the marina for the safety of all.
- Marinas providing access are recording the access and requiring customers to seek approval first.
- It is also recommended that any customer or contractors that are provided access to the facility keep written notes of anyone who may have breached their 'bubble boundary'

Marinas & Boatyard Facilities

- Level 3 now permits businesses to operate, so Marinas and Boat Yards are able to open and operate.
- Businesses around the marinas and boat yards are now being encouraged to commence business so most marina members are enabling processes to allow business to work in the marinas and boat yards.
- Work Safe and government require all businesses to have a COVID site safe operating plan. The useful links in this advisory have some examples of plans that can be used as a template.
- Government rules permit vessels being taken to the travel lift by a contractor that has applied for and been granted operating protocols to operate their business by the marina and boatyard.
- One member has had confirmation from one vessel insurer that the insurer would not cover a vessel owner when a vessel is used during level 3 or 4, so MOA recommends that if a marina operator is moving a vessel that the insurance status of the vessel is checked.
- We are aware that some boatyards are suggesting customers are able to operate their vessel to deliver the vessel to the travel lift bay for lifting. The NZMOA Executive has discussed this and consider that the government is not intent on supporting recreational

boating so NZMOA suggests that movement to the yard by the vessel owner should be limited to vessels that require urgent and emergency maintenance.

Marinas:

- Some Marinas have indicated that they will allow people to return to their vessels to check on their vessels. Some marinas have created rules that limit visitation for short periods and only during daylight hours.
- Other marinas have suggested that they wish to protect their marina and boat yard business by not having an outbreak of the virus so are not allowing customers to visit.

Live Aboards

- Most facilities will continue to manage their live aboards in a similar way as they were under level 4.
- Live boards are being given exclusive access to the onsite ablutions with additional cleaning being completed to guarantee a least risk operation.
- Some Marinas will allow liveaboard customers to manoeuvre in the marina to use sewerage removal pumps. These vessels must immediately return to their berths

Business Operation at Marinas and Boatyards

- Most marinas as following government requirements of seeking COVID specific health and safety plans.
- Most marinas are approving these plans by granting security access to the marina, with all marinas creating a process to allow tracking of people into and out of the facilities.

COVID Level 4 Building Tenancies:

- A number of members have indicated that marina shareholders have agreed to discount commercial building and land tenancy rentals. Discounts have been between 25% and 60% for the month of April.
- Some building owners have also offered deferred payment terms.
- No marinas have indicated any discounting for on water berthage during level 3 nor 4.
- Some facilities have considered serious hardship on a case by case basis.

Some Useful Links:

- [This Health and Safety Plan](#) has been shared as a template by another marine industry business.
- Associate Member Dixon Manufacturing has kindly shared their [Health and Safety Plan](#).
- [This framework](#) published by the Construction Accord is well considered for boat yards and can be used as a resource by members.
- Customs will provide extension of TIE's. Additional information [is here](#).

Other Marina Advisories Shared:

- Tauranga Bridge Marinas Level 3 Advisory [here](#).
- Gulf Harbour Marinas – Level 3 Advisory [here](#).
- Sandspit Marina – Level 3 Advisory [here](#).