



Finger Lakes Boating Museum (FLBM) and Covid-19 Response
March 23, 2020

In these difficult and uncertain times, I would like to offer the below guidelines pertaining to the operations of the FLBM. These steps have not been taken lightly and are instituted on the recommendations of federal, state, and local officials that have the health of our nation foremost in their decision-making. Let us respect and follow their current policies.

Museum

The main Museum is now closed until further notice. Volunteers are to stay home until current State guidelines allow a return to normalcy, this includes the facilities maintenance personnel. The cleaning staff of the Museum is currently disinfecting public spaces and doing a thorough cleaning. Key volunteers will be notified on how best to complete essential operational functions, such as membership processing and other key transactions.

Pat II Tour Boat

Over the weekend the difficult decision to suspend operations on the Pat II tour boat in the Al Wahlig Education Center (AWEC, or Building #5) was made due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The close bond that the Pat II volunteer crew have developed was a bit too close for current social distancing guidelines. That does not mean, however, that work on the Pat II project has totally stopped. Electrical diagrams are being worked on from home to be sent in for Coast Guard approval. Pat II promotional materials are being designed and produced and planning for a public launch are still being made. The scheduled May 23rd public launch date may no longer be attainable, but the Pat II will eventually make her glorious debut on Keuka Lake at a later date!

Small Craft Building and Restoration

The small craft volunteers are also to suspend operations until further notice.

Scheduled Events and Educational Offerings

All scheduled Museum activities through May are postponed indefinitely. Please check flbm.org for updates.

The Museum staff will primarily be working from home. They will be available by their e-mail addresses below. Also, my direct work line is (607)569-7264 and will be monitored M-F. Voicemails will be answered as needed.

Thank you, and please be safe. We look forward to reopening- and celebrating with you when we do!

Sincerely,

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