

NOTICE:

To all registered Cuttyhunk Plein Air Artists, Island Ambassador Volunteers, and __ARTY! Goers for June 20, 2020

First of all, we hope you are safe and focused on staying safe for the Covid-19 duration. As you may already have heard, the Gosnold Board of Selectmen in their April 17th Zoom meeting, attended by about 40 year-round and summer residents from all over the country, voted to delay the opening of the Cuttyhunk Marina and Town property, including the Town Hall and restrooms, until June 15, 2020. They will reassess as the pandemic progresses in Massachusetts, but as of today, the number of cases is still rising.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL VISITORS

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By Order of the Town of Gosnold Board of Health, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, public facilities on Cuttyhunk Island are closed until June 15, 2020. That date is subject to change, so please check the Town's website for updates at www.townofgosnold.org.

The marina is closed, and there are no dinghy docks for transient use.

Temporary tie-ups are prohibited at all Town docks, and no water or fuel is available.

The rental moorings are not available for use.

There are no public toilets and no waste disposal.

Town Hall is open by appointment only, with social distancing.

Thank you for your understanding.

Teri, representing the Cuttyhunk Cultural Council, had a Zoom meeting with a representative of the MASS Cultural Council to discuss alternatives to the June 20 event which is fully subscribed with 60 artists. Artists registered for the 2020 Festival can participate without further payment in the June 19, 2021 Festival, or may transfer their registration to another painter, or make a donation to the Cuttyhunk Cultural Council. There has also been discussion of a "virtual" event to be held on Saturday, June 20 as we all long for Cuttyhunk from somewhere else. More on that in the coming weeks.

Sue and Capt. Jono Billings have given careful consideration to the safe operation of the *M/V Cuttyhunk* during this time. Please visit their website to learn more, but here is the crux of the biscuit:

I. We are limiting the total passenger count to 25 per trip.

A. This will allow safe distancing throughout the vessel

<https://www.cuttyhunkferryco.com/guidelines.html>

This will no doubt be a summer unlike any in memory, but our hope is that there is some return of normalcy. Anyone planning to arrive on Cuttyhunk should self-quarantine for two weeks. There are no medical facilities on the island, and it is unfair to year-round residents to threaten their health by being careless or inconsiderate. Until there widespread testing is available, even asymptomatic people could be infected making this disease particularly insidious.

Please keep your distance, wash your hands, and stay safe,

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