

**ELEPHANT ROCK BEACH CLUB, INC.**

**P.O. Box 3435 • Westport, MA 02790**

February 23, 2020

Dear ERBC Members:

I am pleased to report that last year was a very successful year in the Club's history. The roof was stripped, re-shingled and two (2) new skylights were installed. A committee was established to study the most efficient use of the parking lot. The lifeguards did their usual excellent job of safeguarding our members. New "no trespassing" signs and the vigilance of our staff helped to curb the increasing problem of trespassing from both the West and East. The Club had Wi-Fi for the first time. The Sandcastles and Sundaes event was well attended and included a live band and thirty gallons of ice cream.

During the off-season, the Board routinely meets to discuss the maintenance of the Club's facilities and ways to continue to provide an enjoyable beach experience for our members. Unfortunately, as with any business, the Club must increase its revenue to compensate for operational expenses. The Club's flood insurance has increased 55% in the last six (6) years. In addition, the Massachusetts minimum wage continues to rise, which has a ripple effect throughout the Club's payroll. Fortunately, the Club's dues continue to be significantly less than other clubs in the area.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board unanimously voted to increase the membership dues and the fees for the 2020 Season are as follows:

Family Membership	\$425.00
Individual Membership	\$300.00
Derivative-Family Membership	\$425.00
Derivative-Individual Membership	\$300.00
Child ID-Family	\$425.00
Child ID- Individual	\$300.00
Beach Pass – Two Weeks	\$700.00

Please be sure to purchase Child IDs for adult children of members over the age of twenty-nine (29) or who are married so that they may enjoy **unaccompanied** access to ERBC and be able to use their parents' parking tag. Applications for Child IDs can be downloaded from the website under the Child ID Tab. The cost is \$425.00 for a family and \$300.00 for an individual. **Without a Child ID, adult children must always be accompanied by their parent member, be signed in as a guest, and they do not have parking privileges.**

The Club will open on Saturday, June 13, 2020, for the weekend only. On Saturday, June 20, 2020, the Club will open for the summer season. The Beach Pass Program will begin on Saturday, June 20, 2020, and Beach Passes can be purchased for a minimum of two (2) weeks.

With regards to chair storage, the demand for chair storage far exceeds the available space at the Club. Over the past few years, the Board has considered several options to address this problem. For the 2020 Season, the Club will be purchasing one hundred (100) standard size chairs, which will be available to the members daily on a first come, first serve basis. The limit will be two (2) chairs per membership. The chair use fee will be \$2.00 per chair, per day. The Board hopes that this will allow for greater storage capacity and availability. The Club will no longer be storing members' chairs.

**Key Dates to Remember in 2020:**

April 1, 2020 – Annual dues are payable  
June 13, 2020 – Club opens for the weekend only (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)  
June 20, 2020 – Club opens for the summer (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)  
June 27, 2020 – Summer hours begin  
(Lifeguards on duty 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m./Office open 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)  
August 1, 2020 – Annual Meeting at 9:30 a.m.  
August 1, 2020 – Sandcastles & Sundaes  
September 7, 2020 – ERBC closes for season  
December 31, 2020 – Applications for new memberships are due

I look forward to a great 2020 season. Please be sure to check out the Club's website at [www.elephantrockbeachclub.com](http://www.elephantrockbeachclub.com). I will see you on the beach!

Sincerely,



Robert H. Humphrey  
President