

To All Club Members:

This letter is to discuss the safety of our members at the waterfront area. We have had several successful summers in recent years and are off to another great start this year. This letter will discuss the current lifeguarding policies and explain how we ensure the safety of our patrons at the waterfront:

- New this year, on Day Camp days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) a lifeguard will be positioned on the raft from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Per SCC rules and regulations, no more than 8-12 people are allowed on the raft at one time.
- On Day Camp days, campers are not allowed in the water prior to 10:30am due to swim lessons behind held in the water off the pier.
- On non Day Camp days (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon) if there are patrons in the water, there will be a lifeguard positioned in both the pier chair and the sand chair from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. In the slower hours prior to 12:00pm and after 5:00pm a single lifeguard may cover the waterfront from the high chair positioned near the sand on the shoreline. This decision is contingent on the number of patrons present, the weather and lifeguard staffing.
- New York State mandates that lifeguards have at least a 20 minute break each hour. This is to ensure proper safety. It is also suggested that lifeguards rotate posts every 20 minutes. Watching one specific area for more than 20 minutes in a row alters vision. A break allows guards to clear their minds and rest their eyes.
- When on this “break” SCC Lifeguards are to find an open area by the waterfront to sit and rest. They are not on duty when they are not in a chair. However, they can help with minor injuries. If you get a cut it is best to see a lifeguard on break to help you rather than interrupt a lifeguard in the chair.
- Any child under the age of 5 is required to have a parent AT ALL TIMES in the sand box and shallow water supervising their child. For everyone’s safety, parents should remain within an arms length of their child. Please be courteous and respectful and stay with your children.
- Lifeguards are not babysitters and are on duty to supervise the waterfront to the best of their ability. Disciplining children in the sandbox reduces the lifeguards’ supervision of the water. Please be sure your children are aware of the SCC rules before they enter the swim area- please no throwing sand or rocks, no splashing and no diving off the pier or the raft.

Thank you and enjoy the sun!