

## Boating & golf get NYS limited OK

By Mark Frost  
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New York State golf courses can open, marinas can operate, and recreational boating is now officially allowed, after New York's Empire State Development altered its rules Saturday.

Many restrictions still apply. Airway Meadows Golf Club in Gansevoort opened on Saturday, said Joan Heber, who owns and operates the course with her husband James. She said it has been "very challenging and exhausting." Golfers must call ahead to reserve a tee time, and pay ahead with a credit card. No golf carts are used, and golfers may not enter the clubhouse.



**Ardent fisherman Rich Ortiz**, at the South Bay boat launch, Lake Champlain

"It's all about social distancing, and we totally respect that, but people need to get out of their houses and breathe."

"People are wanting boats early this year, because they can't do anything" else, George Penzel of Boats By George told *The Chronicle* Monday.

"I got a call from a regular customer telling me he wants

his boat [this week]. I don't know how fast we can ramp up."

Mr. Penzel said they expected to open their marina on Cleverdale on Wednesday, April 22.

"I have 600 boats in storage plus I have a hundred new and used boats to deliver." He estimates they can prep 100 boats in a week, so getting them all ready for use is a "six to eight

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**9-term NYS Senator Betty Little** at the December announcement that she **will not seek re-election**



## No hugs for Betty: 'Nobody wants to kill grandma'

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"I find it very difficult," says New York State Senator Betty Little about coping with the coronavirus crisis and living with the stay-at-home mandate.

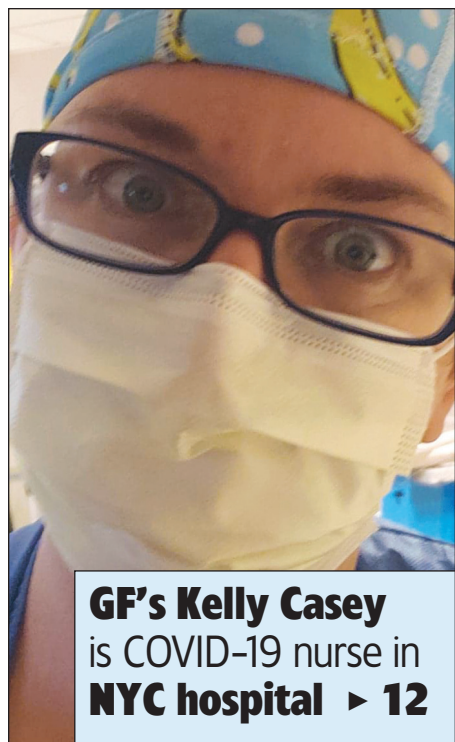
At the age of 79, she has a large family — including 18 grandchildren; seven live locally — but there's no comforting embrace.

"My grandchildren don't want to come close to me," she says.

"They have a hug signal. Nobody wants to be 'the one who killed grandma.' That's what they're saying."

Staying largely at home on Glen Lake, Sen. Little says, "I just feel so bad for the kids, for the homebound, and certainly anyone who

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## Praises Gov. Cuomo

Hi Mark -

Glad to see *The Chronicle* keeps showing up in my mailbox.

From Connecticut, I did not have much experience with your Governor Cuomo before this month, and I am sure many of your readers are not fans, but I must say that I have been impressed with his daily news conferences.

I make it a point to watch it daily. I do not watch any other on a regular basis, and I feel I'm getting the straight scoop and a lot of facts from him. He seems like what I would think FDR was like on his radio fireside chats. I'd be interested if there

are readers out there who experienced both FDR and Cuomo.

— **Mike McCabe, Milford, CT**

## Accepts criticism of Cuomo & Trump; why not fault Biden, too?

Mark,

The current issue (1839) is really great. I enjoyed it thoroughly. As usual, I have one or two comments.

On the front page you described some of today's hot buttons. You were very clear in expressing your views about our governor and president. You skewered them both, and I can't really argue with what you said. They both have strengths and

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