

Guidelines for PRO's During Government Social Distancing Measures.

Firstly thank you for volunteering to take on the role of PRO. This guidance is to be read in conjunction with our normal PRO instructions but modifies them to enable race management under the current Covid restrictions.

It is not possible to social distance in our committee boat therefore only persons from the same household can crew the normal committee boat. We are therefore asking experienced PROs to help out by operating in the red safety boat, which has been fitted with brackets to hold the demountable flagstaff. An ARO can also be in the safety boat so long as they stay at the front and do not face the other crewmember or under the 1 metre plus rules wearing face coverings. There are face coverings in the hall and in the safety boats.

Sunday AM Summer Series Racing and Novice Races

We are currently only organising racing on Sunday mornings for the club Autumn Series Trophy.

- The Autumn Series is a series of three general handicap races, back to back, starting at 11.00am and lasting about 25 to 30 minutes each.
- As there are no specific Novice races in this series, novices are encouraged to take part in the third race when numbers will be lower and it is best to keep this race a bit shorter. Please encourage and help the novices on their journey into racing.
- It is recommended to not set a large course otherwise the time from first to last finisher may become long leading to long gaps between races.
- As usual it is recommended to shorten for the lead boat but if there is/are stragglers in front of the lead boat it would be prudent to shorten then to obviate the need to wait for a slow boat to complete another complete lap.
- Competitors do not need to do the same number of laps.
- Please shorten the start sequence to 3, 2, 1 GO. This will speed up events and allow more sailing time. Ensure all competitors know you are using this sequence.

- If there is a large fleet, consider starting in flights e.g. send off Solos, Lasers and Aero together then the rest 2 minutes later, alternately send off the fleet first and the Scows and Optimists 2 minutes later. If the fleet is really large then another option is to start Lasers on go, Solos two minutes later and then the rest two minutes later. Do not set off the slower boats first as this may lead to congestion (and potential rows) at the first mark
- Please record all results and hand to, or leave in the pigeonhole for Fraser who is currently doing the inputting. You can photo or scan results and send electronically to fraserhayden@hotmail.com or
- If you have used staggered starts make sure this is clear and note whether your final finish times reflect this or not.

Thank you for helping out in these tricky times and if you have any suggestions for improvement please contact Frank (Sailing Sec.) on 07888 773 799 or franksbrown1@gmail.com