

Papercourt Sailing Club Current Safety Guidance and Rules

This guidance is fully in line with HM Government and RYA rules and guidance.

The overriding rule is that everyone who attends the club must comply, at all times with all the current rules designed to limit the spread of Covid 19

- Ensuring you are socially distancing
- If you enter the clubhouse scan the NHS quick-code or enter your contact details in the attendees log
- Whilst in the building wear a face covering unless you are seated
- If in a group - no more than 6 persons and no mixing with other groups
- Wash hands thoroughly and regularly [additional taps by each jetty and around the clubhouse.
- If you use the seating in the clubhouse please wipe down before and after use.
- If using the galley follow the one-way markers. Do not stay in the clubhouse unless seated.
- Use the hand sanitisers
- Prepare for your visit by bringing clean disposable gloves and hand sanitiser. When opening any padlocks, handling keys or operating doors etc. please clean both before and after use.
- The changing rooms are open on a restricted basis so, as far as possible, come changed ready to sail and return home to change. Changing rooms may be used where necessary but if you do use them make sure windows are open and wipe down before and after use. Maximum capacity is 6. Clothes and kit returned to car or left outside.
- The disabled toilets are available but please wipe down before and after use. They are not available for changing purposes.
- The BBQ is not available for use.
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It is the individual's own decision to attend the club or not. You must not attend if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19.

For safety reasons we will not sail when there are any adverse weather conditions. The OOD will decide if there are other reasons that we should stop or leave the site.

Access to the water

Sailing will either be in single-handed boats or two handed boats where social distancing is observed (1 metre plus) or the helm and crew are from the same bubble. Club boats are available for hire, see the OOD – payment by credit card if possible as we are not currently preferring not to handle cash.

The security lockers are in use but please sanitise before and after handling keys.

Racing

Saturdays have training organised by the Youth Section and Class Captains.

On Sundays there is racing from 10.45am 3 General Handicap Races. The last race is more suited to novices as it is generally shorter and with less participants. Cruising all day between 10.30 to 3pm.

Launch and recovery of dinghies

When launching and recovering please ensure social distancing guidelines are complied with – you may need to wait for others to launch or recover before going on the jetty. Please clear the jetty as soon as practice to enable others to launch and recover promptly. You may consider adding a long rope to your trolley with knots at 2 meters intervals. This will enable others to assist recovery and comply with distancing. The manual winch is available on the west pontoon – gate code for winch handle; the east pontoon has much shallower slopes.

Safety Boats

- When sailing is taking place there will be two safety boats available but on occasions they may be single crewed.
- The SBO (and crew) will wear face coverings when dealing with an event requiring their attention – supply of masks and gloves in the safety boat locker on board.
- As a single crewed boat may not be able to carry out the normal range of recovery options the safety boats will be equipped with horse-shoe buoys that can be given to anyone in the water to aid flotation and recovery.
- Safety boat officers will wash safety boats before and after use with the detergent and water supplied. When handling padlocks and keys please sanitise before and after use.
- Please use safety boat winch for launch and recovery and wipe down the controller after use.

We will be reviewing the above rules and guidelines regularly in order that we can amend and improve further as necessary, especially as and when HM Government and RYA guidelines and rules change.

Above all – enjoy your sail and stay safe.