

## **Covid-19 Safety Guidance and Rules**

**As from 2 April 2021**

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, plus washing hands thoroughly and regularly sanitising). There are additional taps by each jetty and around the clubhouse. 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 or you have a temperature.

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

### **Access to the Club and water**

- Please book in either with the NHS Covid-19 app or sign-in in the attendance book.
- There are two hand held thermometers in the entrance lobby which will be used for all persons attending training and all members are recommended to check their temperature on arrival.
- 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.
- As far as possible try to remain outside as it is safer. The gazebo is up at present.
- The clubhouse is closed, but the galley is open for take-away. Follow the social distancing markers. Consume any snacks or beverages outside.
- Remember to wear a face covering when in the building.
- If you meet others outside the rule of six applies with no movement between groups.
- The changing rooms are currently out of use but may be used/accessed in an emergency, so come appropriately dressed if you are going sailing and change when you get home.
- 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.

Sailing will either be in single-handed boats or two-handed boats where the helm and crew are from the same household/bubble, or where this is not the case the crew use the one metre plus rule with mitigation. Club boats are available for hire, see the OOD – payment by credit card if possible as we are currently preferring not to handle cash. Please wash hire boats before and after use.

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

### **Racing**

On Saturdays there is training in the morning, a novice race at 13:00 and sprint racing from 13:30 onwards. On Sundays there is Racing from 11:00 - three general handicap races. Cruising all day Saturday and Sunday between 10:30 and 14:00, but better to avoid cruising on Saturday mornings as the lake is very busy with many novices.

### **Launch and recovery of dinghies**

When launching and recovering dinghies 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 practicable to enable others to launch and recover promptly. You may consider adding a long rope to your trolley with knots at two metre intervals. This will enable others to assist recovery and comply with social 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 these will mainly be single-crewed.
- The SBO (and crew) should 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 horseshoe buoys or extra buoyancy 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 water and detergent supplied.
- 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 on a regular basis 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.

Any suggestions or concerns then please contact a member of the Covid-19 Group.