

Hi everyone,

Here is some guidance on social distancing for sailing and racing at the club until further notice.

1. Please be considerate to others and act responsibly. Many members have not had the virus and are understandably worried about catching it now.
2. Needless to say, please obey all the current government direction on social distancing and other measures to stop the spread of the virus.
3. You are advised to get no closer than 2 metres (6 feet) to anyone who is not in your household at all times whilst on club premises and during rigging, launch, sailing or recovery. Everyone is getting used to judging this distance.
4. The changing rooms, toilets and hosepipes are all currently unavailable, so please change either at home or in your cars.
5. Avoid contact with others or items that are in repeated use, e.g. only launch your own boat and don't touch other boats or launching trollies and please queue responsibly 2 metres apart on the ramp and pontoon.
6. Rescue facilities are limited and, not wishing to avail ourselves of others (including the RNLI), we are imposing a wind speed restriction on racing from the pontoon – only permitted between 2 knots and a max of 15knots and or gusts of 20 knots. When the PRO calls abandonments all racing boats to approach the pontoon for staggered recovery.
7. Safety rib crews have been instructed on social distancing and will not assist you unless it's absolutely necessary. Please bear in mind that if you are rescued and the 2-metre rule is breached you and the safety crew may need to be tested and or go into 14 days quarantine.
8. As usual you sail at your own risk and use of gloves, masks and hand sanitizers is at your discretion.
9. During racing the PRO will broadcast on VHF Ch 37 and if you have a VHF radio you would be advised to have this with you on the water.

The officers will regularly review these measures in the hope we can return to normal in due course.