

Corinthian Otters

Arrangements for the Resumption of Limited Supported Sailing

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Summary

Arrangements are presented to allow the resumption of limited supported sailing for the RCYC Otters.

These arrangements implement additional requirements in recognition of the current UK Covid-19 situation. These requirements are over and above the usual protocols that are applied by the RCYC Otter Committee in order to provide safe sailing for children.

Limited, time separated, socially distanced sailing opportunities will be made available by willing and experienced safety RIB crews.

As in all settings, responsibility for complying with the Governments Covid-19 regulations will continue to rest with the parents who must remain present at all times.

Competency of Sailors, Weather Conditions and Sailing Area

Supported sailing will be made available to the following groups

- River 2 and Race Optimists
- RS Teras
- Cadets and Fevas where crewed by same family members only
- Lasers and RS 200s where crewed by same family members only

No sailing will take place

- where steady wind speed exceeds 15 knots or forecast shows gusts over 20 knots
- where sea state makes capsize more likely
- where the safety RIB crew leader determines that due to sailor competency or conditions a rescue is likely.

The sailing area will be limited to between the Horse Shoal and No 15 buoys and in practice should not need to approach these extremities.

Arrival at RCYC

Otter parents to register intention to sail each week via WebCollect. Sailors will then be allocated into groups.

Maximum of six children per group. Same-family double-handers count as one.

Each group will be provided with advance notice of their arrival and launch times.

Arrival and launch times will be staggered so as to avoid interaction between groups.

Otters to arrive only with parent(s).

Parents are not to arrive at the dinghy park before the specified time.

Social distancing regulations apply – parents are responsible for this.

Changing

The RCYC changing rooms are not available – it is advised that Otters arrive changed for sailing.

Toilets are available but must be sanitised before and after use by parents.

Rigging and Preparation for Launch

Otters to rig their own boats only, assisted if necessary by their own parents.

Safety RIB Crew, Launch and Retrieval

RIB safety crew to be family members of sailors within the group and from the same family group where possible. Crews will be PB2 qualified and safety boat experienced as usual. RIB safety crew not to take part if showing any Covid-19 symptoms.

RIBs to be disinfected by crew before and after each use. Spray and cloths bag will be provided.

Radios will be disinfected before and after use.

Formal coaching will not be offered at this stage.

If rescue to prevent injury, further injury or loss of life is required then the crew will don face masks.

One safety RIB will be available per group.

To minimise launch and retrieval social interaction, RIBs will remain in the water for two weekends at a time.

A Maximum of five people will be used to launch and retrieve RIBs. Government social distancing regulations apply – masks may need to be worn.

Additional RIB retrieval aids such as winches to piles or pontoon shackles may be deployed to assist.

Briefing, Launching and Retrieval of Boats

Usual arrangements for briefing, tallying and launch apply.

The pre-brief is particularly important for sailors and parents and this note forms part of that.

Physical exchange of tallies will not be employed.

Numbers on pontoon to be minimised. Wherever possible, parents to launch/retrieve only their own sailor's boat.

Masks to be carried by parents when on the pontoon. Government social distancing guidelines apply – masks may need to be worn.

Parents must remain in the vicinity of the RCYC sea wall for the duration of the group's sailing.

De-rigging

Wash boat and de-rig promptly.

Parents then leave dinghy park immediately and

Volunteer to Safety RIB leader to retrieve RIB if required.

Use of RCYC Clubhouse Facilities

The RCYC is open for use by Members in accordance with their Covid-19 precautions.

Guidance on use of the Clubhouse is available on the RCYC website.

Reminder – no interaction between separately arriving parties is allowed and parents are responsible for the application of social distancing and compliance with RCYC Covid-19 requirements.

Other

Parental and Otter feedback on these requirements is welcomed.

Failure to abide by the requirements will result in the loss of opportunity to sail.

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Reference - Club Guidance on Restarting Boating Activity and Managing Covid-19 Version 2.0