

COVID-19 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - AUGUST 2020

Q: Can we use showers now that marinas and campsites allow their use?

A: *The Government and RYA advice currently is to avoid the use of changing rooms and showers except for emergency use. The showers are of concern due to the water vapour spreading and the lack of extraction for the area. Communal showers and changing rooms are of particular concern. In order to be able to use the changing rooms and showers we would need to implement restrictions on use and enhanced cleaning arrangements which would not be cost effective for the club. The Disabled room shower has been Legionella treated and available for EMERGENCY use.*

Q: Pubs are open, why can't we have access to the bar?

A: *We don't have staff for either galley or bar. Nor do we have a robust and cost-effective cleaning regime available that would keep members safe.*

Q: We usually ran the bar on DIY basis, surely that could be reinstated?

A: *We would still need to comply with commercial Covid-19 requirements which requires cleaning/sanitising multiple times during the day which simply wouldn't be cost-effective for the club. Multiple members using the fridge etc increases risks for everyone.*

Q: Why haven't we got the clubhouse Covid-19 secure so we can use it?

A: *We have installed contact-free sanitiser dispensers adjacent to all three entrance doors.*

Guidance is still for clubrooms not to be used but we are:

- *Instigating a One-Way routing system with signage*
- *Continuing to restrict the WC facility to the Disabled Room*

Additionally, we are looking ahead to re-start a cleaning regime for the clubroom and have started to re-organise the wet/dry seating area to fit within Social Distancing requirements. We will update you when use of these areas can start.

Q: Can we use the changing rooms if we capsize to change out of wet sailing kit?

A: *Not yet in terms of Govt guidance and without a cleaning regime to keep members safe. We will keep this under review.*

Q: Why hasn't Club racing restarted?

A: *We have allowed marks to be left out on the lake for members to use recreationally and for 'unofficial' Sunday racing. We are looking at introducing a new race series for Sept and Oct which will depend on sufficient interest and volunteers for race duties.*

Q: Can I sail with someone from another household?

A: *The RYA have issued a useful document to help you to consider the risks associated with breaching the 2m social distancing when sailing. [RYA Guidance on sailing with different households](#)*

Q: Can I bring guests to sail now the RYA have issued guidelines for sailing with people from different households?

A: *We ask that you not to bring 'guests' onsite other than members of your household or extended family. We expect you to ensure that they are Covid free and abide by the guidelines in place. Our NO VISITOR policy introduced in May refers to members of the public and those outside your household or extended family. We have asked all members to self-assess before visiting the club and only attend if you are symptom free helping to keep all members safe. Keeping attendance as 'members only' minimises other ways Covid might appear at the club.*

Q: I'm worried about using the toilet at the club as people may not be cleaning properly after use.

A: We have provided sanitiser, anti-bac spray cleaner, hand soap and paper towels. We are asking all users to use the materials provided to sanitise. We recommend you assume the area has NOT be cleaned on entry and sanitise/clean before use. We would like people to clean after use so that it is ready for the next user. Cleaning twice is better than not at all!

Q: Why not re-start the cleaning contract to save us doing it.

A: *We are discussing a revised cleaning regime with the cleaning company that takes account of Covid issues. Commercial premises like marinas are employing staff cleaning for 5-6 hours a day. The footfall doesn't warrant this neither can the club support that level of expense. For this reason, we are likely to re-start the cleaners on a weekly clean, probably Friday so that we have a base clean for weekends as these remain the busiest time of club use.*

Q: If not using the bar, can we use the kitchen?

A: *Not yet but.....we have agreed to install a plumbed-in water boiler which will provide hot water for drinks. You will need to bring your own tea/coffee/sugar etc. You can use the club mugs/cutlery, but you should clean any such items BEFORE as well as AFTER use. We will let you know when this service becomes operational.*

Q: Social Distancing is supposed to be 2m, why are you saying 1M+ for the clubhouse?

A: SD can be reduced to 1M+ if other mitigations are in place. The clubhouse is quite small, there are some 'pinch' points so reducing to 1M+ WITH A FACE COVERING makes it easier for everyone to operate and afford additional comfort to those who prefer the 2M rule.

Q: If I am not coming in the clubhouse, why do I need to sign in?

A: *If we have a complete record of who has visited it maximises the effectiveness of letting people know they MIGHT be at risk should be unlucky enough to have a case in the club membership. Also, in order for the Club to increase access to facilities in the clubhouse, we need to comply with the Governments Track & Trace procedure. The record will be kept for 21 days.*

Q: Why are face coverings necessary in the clubhouse?

A: *It simplifies the requirements. We could stick to the 2M rule, but this is difficult to maintain in a small clubhouse. As we move towards the end of summer, there will be times when members will need to shelter making the 2m rule unworkable. If we look at 1m+ with mitigation [using a face-covering] we can still comply. The EXCEPTION will be when people are EATING when the face covering may be removed but should be replaced immediately thereafter.*