

Hykeham Sailing Club

12th July 2020 – Phase 3 – Use of Safety boat and racing

HSC will ensure that we take steps to make our site Covid Secure, but, it is each Member's responsibility to follow government guidance and must make their own decision whether they wish to increase their risk to Covid-19, by visiting the sailing club and racing.

Limiting the number of people you come in contact with, will reduce your risk.

Members should assume that everything they touch is Covid contaminated and wash / sanitise hands immediately after use.

Do NOT visit the site if you have any Covid-19 symptoms.

From Sunday 12th July 2020; The club racing calendar and all other events are still suspended, however, Members may participate in self-organised racing, providing the following guidance is observed;

- 1) Self-organised racing means that Members may meet at the club and agree with other members to participate in a race. There will be no official duties, members will agree between themselves the format of the race. Members may record their own results, but series results will not be maintained by the Sailing Secretary. A club line start and pursuit style racing is recommended. A whistle can be used for signaling. Start sequence flags will be stored in the padlocked garage.
- 2) Members should use the race marks that are already set out on the lake. Please DO NOT move the marks as the location of these has been agreed with the Angling Section.
- 3) Members should have due regard of the conditions of the day when agreeing a course. Rather than set a maximum wind speed, we encourage Members to be more conservative than usual in order to limit the need for safety boat intervention.
- 4) Safety Boat
 - a) The HSC Club safety boat will be available for use and should be used in accordance with standard club rules and the additional Covid-19 requirements detailed below. Club rules state that a safety boat must be used for all organised sailing. No other powerboat should be used (i.e. Sailability or LDSA) as these are "laid up" and not insured for use.
 - b) The rowing boat is in the padlocked garage, the oars are inside the clubhouse rear door. There is fuel for the Club safety boat on the island. The safety boat key and kill-cords are kept in the key cabinet and clearly marked. Please ensure that you use the correct kill-cord. There is a visual information guide to kill-cords on the front of the key box.
 - c) **A log of safety boat use must be completed**, this can be found on the table opposite the key cabinet. The safety boat must be returned to the island after use and the keys and kill cords returned to the cabinet.
 - d) If there is a problem with the Club safety boat then racing must stop. Any problems with the safety boat should be reported to the Powerboat Bosun or to a flag officer. Contact details can be found on the key box. If the Club safety boat is out of use, a message will be pinned to the front of the key box to inform all users.

- e) The safety boat should only be helmed by Club members who have completed the HSC club powerboat familiarisation. A list of these individuals can be found with the safety boat use log on the table opposite the key box.
- f) Before the commencement of the race, the group must agree safety boat helm and crew. The safety boat should ideally be manned by 2 people from the same household. Where this is not possible, the crew and helm should wear a face covering and agree a protocol for how they intend to operate prior to the start of the race. This should include how to maintain social distancing and emergency recovery of an unconscious / immobilized person.
- g) The safety boat should be normally moored to the pontoon to be used in the event of a recovery being required. It should not be used for patrolling unless it is manned by two people from the same household.
- h) *The following may appear obvious, but for the avoidance of doubt is stated;*
 - the safety boat should approach a boat / sailor in need, establish what assistance is required. Initial assistance should be to reunite the sailor with their boat so that they may safely return to sailing or sail back to shore.
 - Where the sailor is not able to sail the boat, the boat should be towed back to shore using a long towing line and following appropriate safety boat protocols.
 - Where the sailor is unconscious or immobilized the Safety Boat crew should be prepared to immediately recover the person into the safety boat. Crew and sailor should understand that social distancing will not be possible in this instance, but the risk to life of the person in the water will outweigh the risk of transferring the virus. Where possible try to transfer the person into the boat avoiding face to face orientation.
- i) All recoveries of persons into the safety boat must be recorded as an incident in the accidents and near misses register. Any first aid administered should also be recorded including the names of all members involved where it has been necessary to breach a 1 metre safe distancing. The first aid kit and incident register can be found on the worktop of the galley bar.

5) On the water protocol

Sailors should avoid “shouting” to other craft, whether this is to highlight breach of a race rule or any other purpose. Shouting increases the risk of transferring the virus, even if you feel healthy and well, you may still be carrying the virus.

6) On shore protocol

The clubhouse is open for access to the Disabled Toilet, First Aid Kit, Defibrillator, Accident and near misses register, safety boat key / kill-cord and race equipment.

The Galley, Changing Rooms and seating area, remain closed.

Do not socially gather in groups of more than 6.

Do not gather inside the clubhouse.

Please respect other members wishes not to socialise.

Please ask before assisting with their boat and remember that others may be more concerned about social distancing than you.

Finally, enjoy your sailing.