

Dear Member,

October is here and as I think about Autumn days and the imminent Frostbite season, I realise that seven months have whizzed by and there will be many of you, who have not been able to get on the water this year due to the restrictions in place.

If I haven't seen you at the club, I hope that you are keeping well and you will be looking forward to getting back on the water next year.

The committee are already planning what we need to do to get everyone sailing in 2021. Watch this space!

### **Racing, Laying Up Supper & Prizegiving**

Official Racing commenced 13th September, with a condensed list of trophies to be won. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a duty, it would not be possible without you.

We regret that we will not be able to hold the laying up supper to mark the end of the season, due to Covid restrictions. Neither will we be able to hold the Christmas party & Prizegiving in December.

We are, however, planning to present the trophies for this short season and frostbite at the start of next season after the Commodore's Cup normally held in March. If you were the proud recipient of a Trophy last year and would like to polish and hand it back before the end of the year, please drop it off into the clubhouse, alternatively, please continue to enjoy it and let us have it before March. Contact Steve to discuss.

### **Committee Boat**

The committee boat may now be used by the OOD or Assistant on a Sunday for Racing, for the purpose of laying an additional mark or start line. The Power Boat log should be completed and PPE box should be placed in the safety boat whilst it is in use. When using the committee boat, please observe the following guidelines:

- The OOD will nominate a driver of the committee boat for the day. This could be the OOD or an assistant. No other person should drive the committee boat.
- If a different person needs to drive the committee boat then sanitising touch points shall be carried out prior to use, using the sanitising kit available for the safety boat.
- The committee boat may be used to move marks to improve the race course for the prevailing conditions and to set a start/finish line.
- Other members of the Race team should not need to board the committee boat, but may do so providing social distancing of 2m can be maintained, by occupying opposite ends of the committee boat.
- When the committee boat is being used for race management the safety boat should be secured alongside, ready for the OOD and assistant OOD to board and provide assistance to anyone should it be required.
- If there is only one approved power boat driver (completed the club PB familiarisation course) in the duty team, the committee boat may be towed to position by the safety boat or the safety boat towed by the committee boat.
- Sanitising the committee boat prior to use or after use in preparation for the next use is not considered necessary providing the committee boat has been unused (quarantined) for a minimum of 3 days.

### **Annual General Meeting**

We usually hold our AGM in January in the Clubhouse. Regrettably this is unlikely to be possible this coming January, due to Covid restrictions.

Many sailing clubs and other charities are holding their AGM's digitally (either by Email or Video).

We are looking at the possible options, which will include a postal option for those who prefer, and will let members know nearer the time how we intend to conduct this.

## **Track & Trace**

We have now installed the QR code to enable you to use the NHS Covid track & trace app instead of completing the paper register in the clubhouse.

In order to help us comply with our duty to provide Covid Secure premises, please remember to use either the NHS app or the register in the clubhouse.

## **Clubhouse & Galley**

The clubhouse weekly cleaning contract has now been reinstated with cleaning being undertaken on a Friday.

**Changing rooms and showers remain closed** in line with Government guidance on maintaining Covid Secure premises. This will continue to be reviewed, particularly as we approach the frostbite series.

Please remember that the Disabled Toilet may be used, but the shower should only be used in the case of an emergency.

**You may now use the Galley**, one person to enter at a time. We have installed a new “touch free” boiler for dispensing hot water for drinks. This should be left switched on at all times.

Bring your own tea/coffee/milk, you may use club mugs, but please ensure that it is washed up before you leave.

The dishwasher may be used.

Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Galley.

**Please wear a mask when walking around the clubhouse and try to observe the one way system.**

You may sit inside the clubhouse, providing you maintain social distancing and do not gather in groups of more than 6.

**Locker keys** can be hired for a £10 key deposit - see John Peters.

Finally, a polite reminder for sailors to be vigilant of fishing lines, particularly behind the island and to avoid sailing close to areas where anglers are fishing.

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