

## **Return to Racing at Seaford**

It is planned to re-start racing at Seaford on 12 July. Some minor adjustments to our normal procedures are required to comply with Government guidelines and RYA recommendations. The following requirements are based on RYA documents 'Club Guidance on restarting boating activity and managing Covid-19', version 1.5, and 'Guidance on restarting racing and Covid-19'

- **Anyone who is unwell with the symptoms of Covid-19 must not attend the club.**
- **Anyone who has contact with a family member, household member or support bubble member who is unwell with the symptoms of Covid-19 must avoid attending the club for a minimum of 14 days.**
- **All people attending the club should practice good hygiene and social distancing at all times.**

## **Arriving at the Club**

To support the Governments and NSSC ability to 'track and trace', all people intending to race must 'sign-on' using the NSSC Sea Sailors Whatsapp group prior to going afloat. This should preferably be done before arriving at the club. Records of those racing will be kept by the recorder as a signing on sheet in the usual way.

Changing rooms will remain closed. Please be prepared to change by your cars or boat, or arrive already dressed appropriately. Toilets will be accessible

When arriving at the club or signing on, helms will be allocated a colour which will be marked on the beach by a numbered bucket to determine where they should rig, launch and come ashore. No more than six people will be allocated the same colour. Any assistance required launching or recovering should come from the same group colour.

When giving assistance, stay 2m apart whenever possible and avoid face to face contact when less than 2m apart.

The restriction of numbers in a gathering does not apply to the number of boats afloat, but for practical and safety purposes a limit of 30 boats will be applied initially, and will be reviewed regularly. The first 30 boats to sign on using the Whatsapp group will be given priority.

Due to a number of practical and hygiene issues, club hire boats will not be available.

## **Safety Boat Crew**

Whenever possible, safety cover will be from single households/support bubbles.

In favourable conditions, RIB's may be operated by one competent person if two RIB's are used.

Face coverings will be available for use for close quarters recovery or persons from the water.

## **On the water participants**

Be conservative – stay within the limits of your ability

Ensure your craft is in good condition and suitable for the conditions

Factors to consider when deciding to go afloat:

Forecast

Wind speed

Direction

Sea State

Visibility

Participants competence

Safety crew competence

Type and condition of craft involved

Please do not be offended if you are advised to stay ashore

## **Race Control**

Race control team shall be from the same household/support bubble, or shall be carried out by one person. No other person shall enter the Race Box.

Briefings shall be given outside in front of the clubhouse

Maximum wind speed of Beaufort Force 4 will apply. Racing will not be run above this speed.

A course board and notice board will not be used, to prevent close gatherings. The course will be denoted by the letters in the race box in the usual way and described at the briefing.

Results will be published on the club website and via Whatsapp when practical.

## **General**

Procedures will be under constant review.

**If you are not happy or comfortable with any of the health and hygiene systems, launching and recovery or patrol boat cover, or you are vulnerable to Covid-19, do not attend the club or launch your craft. The decision to go afloat and compete in races is yours alone, and if for any reason you do not feel safe – do not join in.**