

## **PROCEDURES TO BE OBSERVED FOR AQSC SAILING AND BOATING ACTIVITIES from 4 April 2021 until further notice** updated 8Mar2021

The intention is to resume boating at the Club, following RYA COVID guidelines, from Easter Sunday 4 April. There will be 3 Series races on Sunday afternoons, commencing with the Easter Egg Trophy.

In addition to racing, members may also wish to sail recreationally or kayak. The patrol boat will be manned from 1.00pm.

For the time being, the Clubhouse will remain closed and **members who are not boating (or supervising children boating) should not attend**. To conform to Government guidelines there must be no socialising.

Clearly anyone having symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home.

Members attending must be self-sufficient as only very limited assistance will be available. No refreshments will be available from the Club.

Toilets may be used, subject to a strict hygiene protocol (see 8 below) but otherwise the changing rooms are unavailable except to access personal lockers.

### **1. Personnel on Duty**

- OOD – usual duties
- AOD/Patrol Boat – Health & Safety and procedure compliance officer on Easter Sun
  
- Personnel to be at the club 12.30pm latest for setting up.
- Race starts at 13:30
- OOD and AOD will have access to the clubhouse for keys, weather system etc., lockers for buoys and patrol boat equipment and start hut for race management.
- OOD and AOD are responsible for checking/setting up sanitation stations. Hand sanitiser, anti bacterial spray, wipes, paper towels etc are at strategic locations and spares in the store cupboard.
- The RYA sailing guidelines currently on the clubhouse noticeboard will be displayed on the quarterdeck for members to absorb.

### **2. Use of Club boats**

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in force, Club picos and lasers may be adopted for the exclusive use of a household where the Club is satisfied that it will be used on a regular basis. Such members will be responsible for looking after the boat's equipment. Club buoyancy aids may be similarly adopted for exclusive use and should be stored away from other Club ones

All Club boats including kayaks, which have not been adopted by a member, are available

on a first come basis on Sunday afternoons. **However users must have the knowledge, ability and familiarity with Club procedures to be able to rig, launch, handle and recover the boats within their household bubble** as only very limited assistance will be available.

The use of a Club boat must be agreed beforehand by the OOD who will keep a note of what boats are used and provide a dated sticker to be attached to the boat indicating that it has been used. On any one day a Club boat (including kayaks) should normally be used by only one household. Where, exceptionally the OOD agrees to multiple users, the boat and equipment must be thoroughly sanitised between uses.

Members are encouraged to provide their own buoyancy aids. If Club buoyancy aids are required members must hand sanitise before handling and selecting a suitable one. Any that are handled and not used must be sanisprayed before returning to the rail. After use all buoyancy aids must be similarly sanisprayed and returned to the rail.

### **3. Rigging boats**

- Access is permitted to the racks in the corridor and the store room, but members are encouraged to minimise this by keeping gear elsewhere ( e.g in boats or car boot) as far as possible
- One person only allowed access at any time.
- The back stairs to be used.
- A sanitisation point will be on the wall outside the store door.
- As much social distancing as possible to be observed along the bank whilst rigging.

Once rigged, sailors register with OOD ( OOD to sign people on when requested so only OOD handles paperwork),then return to their craft, having made themselves aware of the course.

### **4. Racing**

We expect most boats will be single handers and that there will be few members prepared to sail with a non – household crew. The RYA has published guidelines for mixed household sailing but it should be noted that this is in the context of organised sailing with a regular crew and not casual recreational sailing.

### **5. In between races**

Participants should continue to observe social distancing and ideally remain with their boats during time between.

## **6. Patrol Boat**

- Maintain hailing distance unless physical support is required.
- Choose techniques in line with RYA Safety Boat Handbook that minimise physical contact.
- Where possible tow astern rather than alongside.
- If recovering a person to a safety boat wear a face covering and minimise physical and face to face contact.
- If the person being rescued is conscious and able, they should wear a face covering once aboard safety boat.
- Anti-bac spray and hand sanitiser will be carried, and megaphone for communication.

## **7. Post sailing -recovering/derigging craft**

- Assistance from an outside household to be avoided. However if really needed maintain social distancing wherever possible, wear face covering, sanitise hands before and after handling anything.( Sanitiser bottles to be at up-stream ramp, by laser/picos and back door)
- Kayak cockpit coamings and bow/stern handles to be sprayed/ wiped
- Kayak paddle looms to be sprayed/ wiped
- Buoyancy aids to be sanisprayed after each use

After racing, there will be no socializing in the clubhouse, and members will be expected to make a quick departure, as per government rules, unless tidying up and putting the club away.

## **8 Clubhouse & toilets etc**

The Clubhouse is generally out of bounds except as follows;

- To access the store to get or return boat gear, including buoyancy aids
- Ditto the spar/sail racks
- To use the toilets. Hands should be sanitised before entry. The sign “toilet free/in use” should be flipped on entry/exit. Anything communal that has been touched (handles seat, taps etc) should be sprayed and wiped down. Dead wipes and tissues put in bin.
- To access personal lockers in the changing room (The sign “toilet free/in use” should be flipped on entry/exit)
- Exceptionally to change out of wet clothing after a capsized.