

Blakeney Sailing Club

Risk Assessment Sailing -Revised 29th March 2021

Area	Controls currently in place	Extra Controls Required	Date Implemented
General	All club activities shall be carried out in accordance with government requirements and RYA guidance. A conservative and considerate approach will be adopted at all times. Members should not attend the club if they or members of their household have Covid 19.	All participants should symptom check before leaving home. To facilitate "Track and Trace", a record of members' attendance at organised sailing events will be kept by event organiser (race Officer/Flotilla Organiser)	11/09/2020
Reducing the risk of the virus	A minimum of 1m social distancing to be maintained at all times in all areas. It should be ensured that the current limit of 6 people or 2 households in a group or bubble is adhered to at all times for activities ashore. Do not move from one bubble to another. Avoid touching each others boats.		29/03/2021
Club hut	The club hut will be kept locked at all times when not in use. Any equipment should be sterilised after use. Club drysuit/lifejackets to be removed.	Notice to be placed on hut indicating requirements and disinfectant placed in hut for use.	04/06/2020
Guests	Members are not allowed to bring or meet guests for club activities, however guests from within the members own household will be allowed.		01/06/2020
Two man boats	Helm and crew of double handed boats from different households is now allowed provided adequate mitigations are taken to reduce the risk. The RYA guidance on understanding the risk should be followed. This should include consideration of the following: Whilst sailing, there will be times where you will likely come into closer contact with those you are sailing with. If the interaction is fleeting or short term the risk is relatively low. If the interaction is for a longer time and face to face, the risk is much higher and mitigations need to be considered to lower the risk of transmission. It is important that all participants take personal responsibility for evaluating any potential risk to themselves or others. Further information available https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20&%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf		29/03/2021
Rigging and launching	Maintain 1m social distancing, members to be aware of others and be patient. A maximum group size of 6 or 2 household should be maintained at all times. Boats should be launched and recovered by their crew only if possible. Trailers to be handled by the dinghy crew only. Single handers should buddy up and minimise contact time holding other boats.	Only one boat should be launched on the slipway at a time. It is recommended that sailing gloves are worn to reduce the risk of transmission. If required, a rope should be used to move other boats' trolleys out of the way when launching.	29/03/2021
Flotilla Sailing	The Flotilla sailing programme has now been reinstated. However, this is limited to club members (and members of their households) only and the group size for activities ashore should be limited to 6 people or 2 household e.g. refreshment stops . Boats will sail as a group to ensure any less experienced sailors are supported. A patrol boat will be made available for emergency purposes, manned on a voluntary basis.	Proposed social sailing events to be advertised on club website, WhatsApp and Facebook page.	29/03/2021

Club Racing	The club racing programme has now been reinstated. However, this is limited to club members (and members of their households) only. There will be patrol boats available for emergency purposes manned on a voluntary basis, with 2 boats for starts at Lapwing one of which will assist the Race officer. All entries to organised events, to facilitate this, all competitors are asked to register before the event but late entrants will be allowed on the day. Full details are contained in the amendment to the Sailing Instructions.	There will be no verbal briefing on the dinghy park - briefings will be sent to competitors before the event by email. Participants are expected to register by email before the event with the Principal Race Officer. This will substitute the 'signing in and signing out' requirements. Amended Sailing Instructions to be posted on club website and Race Hut.	29/03/2021
On the water safety	All members must determine if the conditions are such that they are sailing within their capabilities and are unlikely to require outside assistance. If in doubt don't sail.	VHF radios should be used to increase safety. Club radios to be available in the hut for use by members. These must be sanitised when returned.	08/07/2020
Buddy System	Members are encouraged to use a buddy system when sailing if no patrol boat is available. Any boat identifying another boat in difficulty should go to their aid if practicable or in case of extreme emergency inform the coastguard.		01/06/2020
Patrol boats	Patrol Boats are to be run by crews skilled and prepared to operate single handed or preferably members from same household. Helm and crew from different households are permitted to run patrol boats following the same guidelines as for sailing in two man boats, mitigation should then be considered.	Patrol boat crews: The risk of transmitting Coronavirus in the patrol boat can be mitigated by maintaining 1m separation, the wearing of face coverings, avoiding face to face contact, cleaning procedures and no shouting etc. Hand sanitiser and masks to be taken by crews and used if necessary. A throwing line is provided in the PB kits for use in rescue.	11/09/2020
Patrol boat techniques	Priority will be for rescue of sailors as a last resort. Recovery of boats will only be carried out if practicable. Maintain hailing distance unless physical support is required - the 1m rule should be complied with unless an emergency situation arises. Where possible tow astern rather than alongside.		08/07/2020
Committee Boat	Social distancing to be maintained on Lapwing. RO in charge of flags and course cards. Number of people on board to be controlled to ensure 1m rule should be complied with unless an emergency situation arises. The first patrol boat helm in charge of buoys, tackle etc.	RO to take home the RO's black box at the end of an event, sanitising it after the weekend. Hand sanitiser and kitchen roll to be provided on Lapwing.	29/03/2021
Responding to a potential Covid-19 exposure at your club	Member to inform the Commodore. The NHS Track and Trace system will be informed and it advise the Club and its members what procedure to follow.		11/09/2020
Action to be taken if social distancing is not observed	Individual members may be barred from the club if they ignore social distancing rules. The club will be closed if there is widespread behaviour which is not compatible with government guidelines.		01/06/2020