

Dear Members,

CHSC GUIDE TO SAILING 2021

You will have seen from Nigel's email of 18th March and the RYA road map he attached, that as from the 11th April we can commence racing at the club. We are still required to maintain social distancing with the following protocols:-

1. Maintain a record of all members and guests who attend our facilities by signing into the COVID register or using the QR code at the clubhouse to fulfil requirement of test and trace.
2. Sanitise hands and wear a face covering, if necessary to go indoors and to sanitise all touch points after use.
3. Face covering must be worn when entering Coldham Hall Tavern grounds and be worn whilst on their premises. This is regardless of whether the pub is open or closed.
4. The face covering at the Tavern is also required for any stops to visit the facilities whilst sailing or racing.
5. No more than 6 individuals or 2 households in close proximity at any one time and keeping 2 meters apart. This we managed last year by swiftly arriving at the club and going straight to our boats and launching without delay. This we can do again this year.
6. From 17th May there are potentially some changes to the numbers visiting the site which is currently limited to 30 for any gathering in one area. We managed this last year by monitoring the number of members likely to take part in the racing from the club house and we need to do the same this year. There will still be a requirement to register those using the site.

For anybody proposing to race and assist in planning numbers congregating there is a requirement to adopt best practice to minimise any virus transmission, We will adopt all restrictions from the start and the following procedures.

1. If you intend to take part in a race event on race day, you must notify the race officer with your names and boat please, by 10.00pm on the Saturday evening before race day. To make it less onerous, you can simply advise the race officer, just the once, that you plan to attend every event and then only advise if you are not attending a specific event. You can imagine how difficult it could be if we had no idea how many members were planning to attend. Most of the time we do not reach 30, particularly because we have boats launching away from the club house but when we have the cruisers joining us we may need to make specific alternative arrangements.
2. If you fail to report before race day and decide to turn up on the day you must first assess how busy the club area is before entering and you must then report immediately to the OOD.
3. If it is not practical or safe to notify the OOD, you can use your smart phone to report in with the QR notice on the club house window or enter your details in the COVID register which will be made conveniently available on entrance to the club house.
4. For all other occasions attending the club you should use the QR notice or COVID register.

Due to the restrictions we have had to postpone our 3 open events that would have been held early in the season.

1. Our Open Regatta has been rescheduled for 18th/19th September to combine with the weekend event with the Waveney One Design fleet joining us.
2. The Open Day is rescheduled for 27th June.
3. "Go Sailing" course is to start from week commencing 7th June and the "on the water" experience, which many of our boats assist with, will start from Thursday 24th June and will run for 6 weeks. Please advise Ian Barker with the particular dates you will be able to help him with.

The club house will not be open for general use, just to sign in at the entrance. Please wait outside if somebody is registering to minimise any proximity. When entering always sanitise your hands as you enter and wear a mask. When racing it will be opened by one person, usually the OOD and if suitable the register will be placed outside to aid access. 2 people will be needed to push the safety boat out and probably 3 to lower the boat down the slip way and pulling in after the racing. Social distancing should be maintained where possible. As from 12th April the changing rooms will be available for 1 person at a time or 1 household if needed and from 17th May up to six people can use the clubhouse but we still need to keep socially distant.

The toilets will be open from the outset to be accessed when wearing a face covering. We have had authorisation from the RYA to use the start box by 1 person if we wish (see risk assessment). The OOD will be given the option of using the start box or managing the racing from the club flag pole if they prefer. They will advise the fleet accordingly.

For local racing, we will use the racing buoys and have the 3 races all back to back without returning to the bank between races. For the downriver races we can continue the arrangement for the 3rd officer arriving later in the morning to be ready to time the boats back. The club boats can be hired by request to David Hickman who will manage the bookings and advise on any requirements.

The OOD will be responsible for overseeing all the racing activity on the day, for ensuring all equipment is returned safely at the end of racing and that all touch points are cleaned and sanitised after use.

As for social distancing on the boats, this will be the responsibility of the boat owner to ensure social distancing is maintained and the use of face coverings and gloves if necessary.

These guidance notes are to be continued until further notice and hopefully by 21st June we may be able to relax some, if not all, of the restrictions.