

RISKS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTROL

Updated Friday 28 August 2020 (Based on RYA Guidance Update 12th August)

General Guidelines		
HAZARD	RISK	CONTROL MEASURES
Infectious individuals attending sessions	High	Individuals with COVID symptoms are not to enter or participate in activities/ club facilities. Follow government guidelines for self isolation. Ask yourself the question; Do I have any symptoms? Should I attend?
Risk of infection in Clubhouse due to enclosed space.	High	In the absence of NI- specific guidance on indoor numbers, limited access may be permitted for boating-related activity. Use of toilet: The Clubhouse is to remain closed for social use to all members excluding committee for urgent maintenance requirements and socially distanced committee meetings, Members may use the toilet facilities if essential. The Clubhouse as a setting will need to undergo an individual risk assessment and upgrade of facilities/signage prior to permitting use by members.
Risk of infection to Youth Sailors during coaching sessions	High	Coaching of Youth Sailors requires close contact hence social distancing will not be possible. Youth Sailing coaching sessions will NOT be permitted.
Risk of infection to Sailors during dinghy sailing/keelboat sailing/racing.	Moderate	Sailing/racing is permitted on the basis that risks are mitigated. Participants are permitted to sail while minimising risk of infection and meeting current government guidelines.
Risk of infection from poor Hygiene/Hand Washing	Moderate	Follow government guidance at all times with respect to hand washing/sanitising guidance. Members should be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitiser. Sanitise hands on arrival and prior to touching any shared surface.
Infection through poor social distancing	Moderate	Follow Government guidance with respect to social distancing at all times.
Risk of infection from number of sailing participants.	Low	Groups of 30 or more (inclusive of instructors/ group leaders) can get afloat whilst maintaining social distancing. Please follow cleaning and public hygiene advice..
Risk of infection on ABC Jetties and Club Boat Park	Low	Members may visit the Jetties and Boat Park to carry out maintenance work on their boats or to retrieve boats. All social distancing measures should be adhered to.
Risk of infection at Kinnego Marina as a facility.	Low	Local Councils (ABC Kinnego Marina) will be authorised to act as an enforcement body with regards the safe operation of the Marina – Council instruction must be adhered to AT ALL TIMES. Please refer to ABC Council website for specific guidelines to the facility.
Risk of infection in Clubhouse due to use of toilets	Low	Limited access is permitted to (Club Toilet) small, shared facilities e.g. storage area / toilet /through-ways. Key areas will be disinfected regularly with sanitation products.

Before you arrive		
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Risk of positive infection and subsequent inability by the Club to adhere to a contact and trace requirement.	Moderate	An attendance register will be provided for all members attending organised Club sessions. Those participating must pre-register. Maintain records of participants' contact details will be held for 21 days.
Risk of infection through journey to sailing activity or sailing with someone outside your household	High	While attending sailing activities, limit car sharing. Avoid travel with someone outside your household. Self symptom check before leaving home. Assess personal risk and that of your team.
Risk of infection in changing rooms.	High	Use of council changing rooms are discouraged and limited, please arrive ready to sail.
Potential infection from shared clothing	High	Club buoyancy aids and wetsuits will not be provided for sharing. However, we will consider a designated loan of equipment that must not be shared. All loaned items will be recorded and must be returned at the end of the season.
Sailing with someone from another household	Moderate	When sailing with someone from another household, if unable to maintain more than 1m separation then maintain at least 0.5m separation between crew with other non-face to face mitigation. Face coverings may be utilised.
Risk of infection from Club racing on the water	Low	As long as risks are minimised and sailing conditions are within each sailor's ability there is no requirement for restriction on club racing.
Risk of improper use of club boats by inexperienced members	Low	Use of club boats must be approved by the dinghy secretary or club committee. The decision will be based on previous experience and ability
Risk of infection from shared surfaces	High	Shared surfaces such as Jetty Gates, Clubhouse Gate and lock, Boat Park gate and Club Container should be considered as high risk surfaces. Maintain proper hand hygiene recommendations and where available use hand sanitiser i.e. entrance to the Clubhouse and Club container. Boat Park Gates and Club container will be opened by the attending instructor or designated 'leader'.
Preparing to launch		
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Risk of infection from the number of sailing participants launching or recovering.	Low	Please utilise launching and recovery rigging spots (Yellow Dots) to facilitate social distancing. Launching and recovering should minimise close contact with others.
Infection through lack of social distancing in the Club boat park	Low	The rigging of boats should take place outside the Boat Park to facilitate social distancing requirements. Rigging spots are defined with Yellow Dots to facilitate social distancing.

Launching and recovery	Low	Sailors should be able to launch and recover their boat to the compound by themselves, with the help of members of your own household or while maintaining social distancing guidelines.
Contact with infected members of the public.	Low	All members are to attempt to eliminate close proximity situations with public/passers-by. Critical areas include gates, roads, pontoon, and slipway. Social distancing is to be maintained
Risk of imposing infection to rescue services through sailing in heavy wind conditions. (Experienced)	Low	A recommended limit of 20 knots is applied to experienced sailors. Be considerate and conservative when deciding to go afloat. Know your limits.
Risk of imposing infection to rescue services through sailing in heavy wind conditions. (Competent)	Low	A recommended upper limit of 15 knots is applied to competent sailors. This restriction will be enforced on the use of Club boats at the discretion of an attending instructor or lead safety boat officer. Be considerate and conservative when deciding to go afloat. Know your limits.
Risk of infection through lack of ability to social distance in equipment container	Low	Only one person is permitted at any given time in the equipment container.
Risk of infection through interaction with safety boat crew during recovery/rescue due to gear failure.	Low	Take additional time to check likely failure points whilst rigging. Carry out repairs, and replace kit, that is identified as a likely failure point. Ensure your boat is properly rigged with shackles, pins etc. secured.
On the Water		
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Risk of infection to Youth Sailors during sailing sessions	Moderate	Greater restrictions should be placed on youth sailors wishing to sail. Only those youth sailors deemed competent to sail in restricted wind conditions will be permitted. This advice applies to use of club boats and recommended to privately owned boats
Risk of infection through provision of safety cover	Low	Safety cover provided on the basis that sailors can sail within their means and within guidelines provided. However a safety boat may be present to facilitate sailing activities while keeping to restrictions outlined in this assessment.

Sailors getting into difficulty on the water	Low	Individuals should sail well within their capabilities. Follow RYA advice to Sail Conservatively and Be Considerate. During Club sessions a safety boat will be available for assistance while taking the necessary precautions. Should our members decide to sail independently it is recommended that basic equipment should be carried. i.e. VHF Radio, tow rope, anchor, sailing knife, whistle, paddle
Risk of Infection through requirement of Safety Boat Assistance	Low	Safety Boat Crew will provide guidance during rescue - advice MUST be adhered to at ALL times. It will be the responsibility of the safety boat helm to maintain good sanitation measures on the safety boat. i.e. Wiping of all surfaces before and after sessions.
Derigging		
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Risk of infection through Launching and recovery	Low	Sailors should be able to launch and recover their boat to the compound by themselves, with the help of members of your own household or 2m apart from one other person from another household
Risk of infection from use of club boats	Low	Use of club boats will be permitted on the basis of control measures outlined in this risk assessment is implemented i.e. Potential infection from shared surfaces
Potential infection from shared surfaces	Low	All potentially contaminated materials/surfaces are to be disinfected immediately prior and after use with disinfectant spray provided. This includes club boats, marks, gate locks etc. Club equipment should be left 72 hours before reuse.
Potential infection from equipment shared on a regular basis	Moderate	Boats and equipment used in sailing sessions are to be only used on Saturdays and Wednesday PM - this is to facilitate a recommended 72hrs between use of hard surfaces.
Potential infection from shared boats outside of recommended times.	Low	Use of club equipment outside Wed PM and Saturday is not recommended. Should equipment be required in between sessions, all equipment must be disinfected thoroughly prior to use by the user.
Competition		
Risk of infection through participation in racing	Low	Competition is now permitted for groups of 30+ individuals. This will allow racing on the basis that suitable mitigations on safety boat, committee boat and individual participants are in place.
Risk of individual positive infection and subsequent inability of the Club to provide contact and trace details.	Low	During sailing sessions, individual test and trace records should be maintained for participating boats. Dinghy sailing should record any unusual contact over and above participation in sessions i.e. safety boat rescue. Keelboat racing should implement an effective contact and trace record keeping procedure.
Risk of infection on committee boat	Low	Ensure numbers onboard Committee Boats are limited dependent on size of boat to allow minimum 1m spacing. Face coverings should be considered if appropriate.

Safety Cover		
Provision of Club Safety Cover	Moderate	Provision of Safety cover is permitted providing certain mitigations are followed regarding social distancing, shared surfaces etc.
Mark Laying	Low	Ensure Rib Driver prepares own boat with equipment eliminating use of shared hard surfaces
Risk of infection of > 1 person in Rib	Moderate	Number of people in the Safety Boat is subject to Safety Boat Helm instruction. If unable to maintain more than 1m separation then maintain at least 0.5m separation between crew with other non-face to face mitigation.
Risk of infection from rescue of person in the water	Moderate	Wear face covering. Ensure casualty is facing away from the safety boat. If able to, self-rescue using strop or ladder. If casualty conscious and able they should wear face covering once aboard the safety boat. The Club should invest in disposable safety masks.
Infection through close proximity to Safety Cover Personnel	Low	We may have safety cover on the water to facilitate sailing activities but towing by rope, self rescue is encouraged. In the event of a rescue being required the Safety Boat Helm advice MUST be adhered to.
Infection through close proximity to Safety Cover Personnel in an emergency	Low	In extreme circumstances where life may be in danger fellow sailors or the safety boat may intervene as required - subject to minimising covid-19 infection risk. The Club Emergency Action Plan should be implemented should the need arise.
Risk of infection through provision of First aid (non essential)	Low	Access to club first aid kits are restricted. Bring your own first kit.
Risk of infection through provision of First aid (Emergency)	Low	CALL 999 and ask for 'Coast Guard' or VHF CH16 and call a 'mayday or pan pan' . Carry a mobile phone with the numbers of a suitable onshore contact/onshore buddy.
Clubhouse		
This section will be expanded upon permitted use of the Clubhouse		
Risk of potential cross infection of individuals using the club house and inability to provide contact and trace details.	High	Registration of your attendance within the clubhouse is required for the purposes of test and trace. This is extended to all personnel using the toilet, Committee meetings, maintenance and any other visits. A log book is provided which should include the name and date of visitor. Hand Sanitiser will be provided.
Keelboat Sailing		
Risk of infection to Sailors during keelboat sailing	Low	Keelboat sailing/racing is permitted on the basis that risks are mitigated. Participants are permitted to sail while minimising risk of infection and meeting current government guidelines.
Risk of infection from irregular crew	Moderate	Maintaining a regular crew (crew bubble) will mitigate the risks but other mitigation measures should be put in place
Risk of infection during	Low	Organise manoeuvres to maximise social distancing and avoid

certain maneuvers during sailing		face to face where this would normally occur
Risk of infection above deck with crew	Low	Maintain at least 1m social distancing. If unable to maintain more than 1m separation then maintain at least 0.5m separation between crew with other face to face mitigation. i.g. use of face coverings.
Risk of infection below deck	Low	Avoid more than one person below deck at any given time. When >1 person below deck limit duration to less than 5 minutes & regularly clean shared surfaces
Risk of infection through use of shared surfaces	Moderate	Maintain good hygiene on your boat. At end of day or before use by another person clean down equipment

This Risk assessment will be revised on an ongoing basis, based on Club recommendations or updates of Government Guidelines whichever is sooner.

All members are reminded that if there is any conflict in interpretation, government guidance always takes precedence over Club control measures.

Test & Trace Contacts

Based on risk assessments, the RYA believe that the following should be considered as close contacts for the purpose of test & trace in the context of sailboat racing:

1. Those who have sat within 1m of each other on the side deck for more than 15 mins;
2. Those who have been below deck at the same time for more than 5 minutes;
3. Those who have recovered someone or been recovered from the water;
4. Those who have had a face to face interaction within 1 metre of another crew member.