

Covid 19 Framework for a return to boating activity in Northern Ireland

Step 2 Guidance

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This is subject to ongoing review and should be read alongside our Return to Boating page and FAQs.

Step 2				
	Phase 2	Phase 2A	Phase 2B ¹	Phase 2C
Starting Date	1st April	12th April (indicative)	To Be Advised	To be advised
Travel	Advice is to 'Stay Local'	Advice is to 'Stay Local'	To be advised	To be advised
Organised Activity <small>Sailing, windsurfing or powerboating formally organised by an RYA affiliated club or recognised training centre.</small>	Recreational outdoor activity permitted for maximum 10 people from 2 households (2:10 rule), following risk assessment and PHA guidance. No mixing allowed between groups and social distancing maintained. Activity on multi-handed craft from 2 different households permitted. Maximum 10 onboard and on deck, only where social distancing can be adhered to at all times.	Maximum 15 participants in any single group for purposes of organised training. (inclusive of coaches, safety etc) No mixing allowed between groups and social distancing maintained.	Increase in numbers permitted, groups may come together to maximum 30 for purpose of organised training	Increase in numbers permitted – to be advised. Mixed household guidance for sailing and racing applies ²
Recreational Activity <small>Activity falling outside the definition of organised activity.</small>	Sailing, Windsurfing, Powerboating for maximum 10 people from 2 households (2:10 rule), permitted from Affiliated Clubs and Centres. ³ Activity should be on deck with social distancing measures in place and following PHA guidance.	The rule of 2 households: 10 people applies. Activity should be on deck with social distancing measures in place and following PHA guidance.	The rule of 2 households: 10 people applies. Activity should be on deck with social distancing measures in place and following PHA guidance.	The rule of 2 households: 10 people applies.

¹ To be confirmed when further guidance is released

² Subject to SportNI Expert Panel review

³ Where there is a representative organisation that regulates providing advice and guidance to members / clubs on matters relating to sport and physical activities. These organisations should take responsibility for the activities listed against Governing Bodies.

Shore-based courses	Classroom-based courses to remain online.	Classroom-based courses to remain online where possible. 'Face to face' limited to outdoors and only where an essential part of the course ⁴ .	Classroom-based courses to remain online where possible. 'Face to face' limited to outdoors and only where an essential part of the course.	Classroom-based courses to remain online where possible. 'Face to face' limited to outdoors and only where an essential part of the course.
Racing/ Competition	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Club Racing and small regional events may take place. No spectators and essential personnel only.
Safety	Safety cover cannot be expected, participants should know their limits; look after themselves; keep in touch and, above all, have a plan;	Safety recovery mitigations in place to prevent contact unless absolutely necessary. PPE available. Safety personnel included in group size.	Safety recovery mitigations in place to prevent contact unless absolutely necessary. PPE available. Safety personnel included in group size.	Safety recovery mitigations in place to prevent contact unless absolutely necessary. PPE available. Safety personnel included in any group size.
Facilities	Outdoor facilities access permitted. Indoor facilities remain closed except for emergencies and limited access to toilet and storage facilities. Multiple groups of up to 10 people from two households is permitted, provided they are separate and distinct groups. Zoning may be required and clear guidance for entry/ exit and concourse areas (e.g. ramps, pontoons). Site capacity is significantly reduced and managed.	Outdoor facilities access permitted. Indoor facilities remain closed except for emergencies and limited access to toilet and storage facilities. Onsite numbers limited in clearly defined groups based on permitted numbers and to enable social distancing at all times Site capacity is significantly reduced and managed.	Outdoor facilities access permitted. Indoor facilities remain closed except for emergencies and limited access to toilet and storage facilities. Site capacity is reduced and managed.	Outdoor facilities access permitted. Indoor facilities remain closed except for emergencies and limited access to toilet and storage facilities. Site capacity is reduced and managed.
Changing rooms	Closed, except for emergency access	Closed, except for emergency access	Closed, except for emergency access	Closed, except for emergency access
Hospitality	Closed ¹	Closed	Closed	Closed
Overnight Stays	No overnight stays	No overnight stays	No overnight stays	No overnight stays

¹ Except for take away service – reopening anticipated under Step 3 (hospitality)

⁴ Only where a risk assessment has been completed that meets certain stipulations