



Leisure Sailing – COVID-19 Update

Before coming to Club, members **must** be familiar with the latest Government guidelines regarding COVID19 (self-isolation, hygiene and social distancing, in particular) and must comply with them. This policy should also be read together with those covering Safety on the Water and the use of the Clubhouse. All of these must be complied with at all times.

The latest Government guidance can be found at [Government guidance](#) and the latest RYA guidance is at [RYA guidance](#). The Club is open for Leisure Sailing only on those days set out on the Club website, Facebook pages and in TGIF. **Sailing is for members only.**

Members planning to sail should **book in advance** by emailing krt.clayton@btinternet.com. Sailors planning to visit the Club at any other time should notify us preferably through the Club's Closed Facebook Group or if this is not possible by email to sailing@chelmarshsailing.org.uk. This enables us to control the number of sailors at the Club and supports contact tracing, if it is needed.

Each Leisure sailing session must have a Compliance Officer (CO). Their role is to monitor compliance with the Club's policies. It is **not** to provide safety cover. All members should follow the instructions of the CO at all times. The CO should send a brief report of the day (including whether there were any issues or not) to sailing@chelmarshsailing.org.uk within 24 hours of the session. This ensures we are aware of any issues as soon as possible. There is a checklist for the CO's activities in the Clubhouse.

Members will be required to make a declaration **before** they go on the water. The CO should check that the declarations have been completed and confirm this in their report.

Members may only sail their **own boats**. No sharing or swapping of boats is permitted. Club boats and equipment (buoyancy aids, wetsuits etc) are not available and must not be used. Double handed boats may only be sailed by members of the **same** household.

Social distancing must be maintained at all times. No sailor should be within 2m of another sailor at any time, unless they are part of the same household. This is best achieved by leaving at least 1 boat length between boats at all times, whether in the boat park, during launch and recovery or on the water.

20 boats are allowed on the water at a time. If boats are waiting to sail, members are asked to take this into account when deciding how long to be out.

Members are asked to launch and recover their boats as quickly as possible to avoid the beach and slipways becoming congested. There should be no more than 4 boats on the beach, 4 on any pontoon and 2 on each of the slipways at any time. Trolleys **must not** be placed so that they block in other trolleys or be left in the water or at the water's edge of the beach. Launching and recovery should preferably be done unaided. If this is not possible then social distancing requirements should be met at all times. Handling of another member's boat or trolley should only be done whilst wearing gloves and hands should be washed as soon as possible afterwards.

All boats are to carry the safety equipment outlined in the [Safety on the Water policy](#).

Compliance with these rules will be monitored by the CO.
Members who do not comply, will be reported to the Committee.