



## Racing – 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](#).

The Race Officer (RO) will also be the Compliance Officer (CO) for the session. The RO will decide, in conjunction with the sailors, what safety cover is to be provided. All sailors should follow the instructions of the RO at all times.

The RO should send a brief report of the session (including whether there were any issues or not) to [sailing@chelmarshsailing.org.uk](mailto: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 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. Sailors should not gather in groups of more than 6 people on shore.

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. The RO will wait for all boats to launch before commencing the start sequence. Sailors may need to wait for there to be a space on the pontoon or beach before returning to shore at the end of the race.

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 RO. Members who do not comply, will be reported to the Committee.