
COVID 19 - Risk assessment template – Water Based Activities – COMPETITORS, RIB DRIVERS AND CREW, RACE OFFICERS and HELPERS at the Royal Solent Yacht Club as required by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021

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The Royal Solent Yacht Club (the 'Club') has carried out this risk assessment of the Club's sailing activities to satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. It has been carried out in direct response to the requirements of organisations to Covid 19 some of which is outlined in law.

The Club's sailing activities involve competitors, RIB drivers and crew, Race Officers, Club staff and helpers. Separate Risk Assessments have been carried out for the particular issues presented on the Committee Vessel and in Grants due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government COVID-19 advice must be followed, particularly with regard to social distancing. This guidance changes and it is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that they are familiar with it, over-riding this risk assessment if necessary. Competitors, rib drivers and crew and helpers must be conservative and be mindful of others. The risk assessment will be reviewed and updated as guidance or requirements change.

No one may participate in racing unless they have completed fully the Condition of Entry forms and they have read and understood this Risk Assessment. Competitors may have their temperatures taken electronically prior to sailing. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and

therefore inherently involves an element of risk. This activity is for competent people capable of making their own decisions and sailing without support from others. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the activity is hers alone.

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Social Distancing difficult to achieve when launching and recovering dinghies	Beach crew and sailors if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit overall numbers and allocate sufficient time to avoid crowding. - Allocate space for each class in dinghy park - Move any dinghies not sailing to make as much space available as possible - Sailors to arrive changed ready to sail where practicable - - Timed and staggered shifts for launching different classes - Signage - Good communication 	Identify congestion and pinch points providing distance markers or signage requesting social distancing. Event co-ordinators who will take overall responsibility ns ability for ensuring the Club's procedural document has been implemented.	Club, Sailors and Helpers Event coordinator.	Immediate	

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<p>Social distancing whilst working on Committee vessel.</p>	<p>Race Officer Group if social distancing not observed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Risk Assessment for Countdown - 		<p>Club, Rear Commodore Sailing/Sailing Secretary Boatman</p>		

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Social Distancing difficult to achieve for RIB Drivers and crew	Rib drivers and crew and sailors if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Driver and crew to be from same household/ bubble where possible. Where the crew are not from the same household maintain 1m+ social distancing. - Use own or allocated radios, binoculars and other equipment - Follow protocols for communication and race management - Follow existing RSYC protocols for recovery and assistance - Assess competence of sailors for conditions. Maintain hailing distance unless physical support is required. Seek to limit provision of assistance to where absolutely necessary for safety - Avoid face – to – face contact in the rib as much as possible. - Choose recovery methods that minimise physical contact, e.g. self-rescue, mast tip/use of centre board 	Review daily Crew or Sailors on the Rib will maintain 1m+ distancing which includes sitting side by side or 2m if sat opposite one another.	Club, PRO, Rib drivers and crew. Boatman	Immediate	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use grab handles and carry boarding ladder or other device to assist in self-recovery from water and have spare masks available - Tow astern rather than alongside. Have long towing lines available in rib. 				
Social Distancing difficult to achieve with members of the public using the beach and slip	Members of the public, sailors, beach team if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signage - Sailors to request that members of public socially distance. - Ensure sailors are made aware of and have consideration for other users of the beach 	Monitor on day of sailing	Sailors	During launching and recovery	
Communication system not clear	All participants if race management is affected or safety issue arises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VHF radio protocols to be followed by Race Offices and RIBs - Courses to be communicated as per Sailing Instructions including WhatsApp and repeating at regular intervals over VHF radio. - Results to be issued by email or WhatsApp, or on Club website not on paper lists in the Club 	Review daily	PRO and Race Officers.		

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Competitor gets into difficulty and requires urgent assistance with their boat	Sailors and RIBs if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following standard sailing protocols, social distancing, cleaning of equipment. - Buoyancy aids/floatation devices must be worn on the water at all times by dinghy sailors and by keel boat sailors when Y Flag is flown. - Wind and sea conditions to be considered to assess hazards for sailors and RIBs. - Race Officers to assess adequacy of RIB safety cover given numbers, experience and wind/tide conditions - Radios to be used on RIBs for communication with shore team and PRO with protocols followed to summon rescue. 	All racing to be closely monitored by Race Officers and Boatman and immediately cancelled/abandoned if the wind/sea conditions are becoming more than acceptable. Any attempt at a rescue involving close contact with sailors should include the wearing of facial covering	Race Officers, RIB drivers	On day of sailing	
Competitor gets into difficulty in the water and requires	Sailors and RIBs coming too close to the sailors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above - Standard RSYC Protocol - RIBs to carry steps/ladder devices to enable self-recovery from water 	Any attempt at a rescue of sailors should include the wearing of facial	Sailors and RIB drivers and crew	Immediate	

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assistance getting out of the water		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Radio communications and protocols to summon external assistance if required RIB driver and crew to wear masks to maximise protection 	covering			
First Aid including Basic Life Support	RIBs and sailors if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above - Endeavouring to minimise the actual risks of sailing - Wear masks & gloves and hand sanitise - Perform only Chest Compression BLS. - Follow UK Resuscitation Council Guidance +/- RYA recommendations 	Any attempt at a rescue should include the wearing of facial covering.	RIBs, other sailors,	On day of sailing	
Competitors may not be able to maintain 1m+ distance walking and waiting in Dinghy Park and beach.	Sailors and Beach Team if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Control access. - Signage outlining National Guidance on Social Distancing. - Sailors to move swiftly on the beach and into dinghies to prevent crowding. - Ensure all trolleys are marked and easily identifiable from a distance - Good communication between RIBs and PRO 	Review daily	Sailors	On day of sailing	
Competitors may not be able to maintain 1m+	Sailors and Staff	<p>Control access to the Jetty</p> <p>Signage outlining National Guidance on Social Distancing.</p>	Limit numbers	Boatman, sailors and Sailing Secretary	Immediate	

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distance walking and waiting on the jetty and pontoon.		Limit number of sailors on the jetty Sailors to move swiftly on the Pontoon and Jetty to prevent standing around.	Additional signage.			
Competitor may wish to access the changing rooms and loos		Notify all competitors prior to attending. Arrive changed ready to sail where possible. Signage		Club staff	Immediate	
Competitor may have enough of	All sailors and staff	Ask competitor to leave Club area immediately. Follow Government Guidance. Encourage wearing of facemasks and handwashing. Maintain minimum 2m distance.	Follow latest government guidance	Class Captains, Sailing Sec RC Sailing	Immediate	

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display signs of Covid 19		If person symptomatic, those who have come into contact should self-isolate as required by Government guidance.		RSYC General Committee		