
COVID 19 - Risk assessment template – Water Based Activities – Folkboat Week for COMPETITORS, RIB DRIVERS AND CREW, RACE OFFICERS and HELPERS at the Royal Solent Yacht Club as required by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020

Organisation name: Royal Solent Yacht Club

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The Royal Solent Yacht Club (the 'Club') has carried out this risk assessment of the activities during the Club's Dinghy Week 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 for organisations in response to Covid-19 some of which is outlined in law.

The Club's FolkboatWeek involves competitors, RIB drivers and crew, Race Officers, Club staff and helpers. Risk assessments have been carried out for the Club's normal on and off water activities and this risk assessment deals with the particular issues presented during Folkboat Week activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Briefings will be held outside and by email/WhatsApp.

Government COVID-19 advice must be followed, particularly with regards 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 Club believes 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 minutes; 2. Those who have been below deck at the same time for a total of more than 5 minutes; 3. Those who have recovered someone or been recovered from the water; 4. Those who have had a non-fleeting face to face interaction within 1m of another crew member

No one may participate in racing unless they have agreed to comply fully with the Terms and Conditions for entry to Folkboat Week 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.

<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 - Team limited to PRO, flag person, time keeper and results recorder. There must be no more than five people at any one time on the Committee Boat. - Only one person in cabin. Wheel, buttons etc to be sanitised before and after racing. Others stay in open air and socially distance to extent practicable. Avoid face to face - Use hand sanitiser, gloves and masks when in close proximity - Race officers are using dedicated VHF radios and binoculars. - Timers' flags, course boards, anchors and other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review daily 	<p>Club, Rear Commodore Sailing/Sailing Secretary Boatman</p>	<p>Immediately</p>
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		<p>equipment to be wiped with alcohol based sanitiser before and after racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ROs to bring own refreshments - Follow protocols for access to and use of Committee Vessel 			
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 Officers, Competitors and RIBs - WhatsApp communication limited to shore based. Sailors may not have phones with them. - Courses to be communicated as per Sailing Instructions - Results to be issued by email or WhatsApp, not on paper lists in the Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review daily 		
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. - floatation devices must be worn on the water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All racing to be closely monitored by Race Officers and Boatman and immediately cancelled/abandoned if the wind/sea conditions 	Race Officers, RIB drivers	On day of sailing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Upper wind speed limit to apply. - Radios to be used on RIBs for communication with shore team and PRO with protocols followed to summon rescue. 	are becoming more than acceptable.		
Competitor gets into difficulty in the water and requires assistance getting out of the water	Sailors and RIBs coming too close to the sailor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above - Standard RSYC Protocol - RIBs to carry steps/ladder devices to enable self-recovery from water - Radio communications and protocols to summon external assistance if required RIB driver and crew to wear masks and gloves to maximise protection 		Sailors and RIB drivers and crew	Immediate
First Aid including Basic Life Support	RIBs and sailors if social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As above 		RIBs, other sailors,	On day of sailing

	distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endeavouring to minimise the actual risks of sailing - Wear masks & gloves - Perform only Chest Compression BLS. - Follow UK Resuscitation Council Guidance +/- RYA recommendations 			
Other users of the Club being impacted by presence of sailors and other participants during Folkboat Week	Other Users, sailors, if social distancing not observed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advise Club members and staff of Folkboat Week dates and that arrangements may be different to normal access - Ensure that other routes into the Club premises are made available for other users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review daily - Identify any pinch points and manage 	Members sailors and Sailing Secretary	Immediately
Competitor, Race Officer, RIB driver or crew or Helper may have a cough or display signs of Covid 19	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask person to leave Club area immediately. Follow Government Guidance. - Encourage wearing of facemasks and handwashing/sanitising. - Maintain 2m distance. - If person symptomatic, those who have come into contact should self-isolate for 14 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow latest government guidance 	Sailing Secretary, Rear Commodore Sailing	Immediate

Competitor may wish to access the changing rooms and loos	Loos are open, changing facilities and showers are not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Notify all competitors prior to attending.- signage		Club staff	Immediate
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