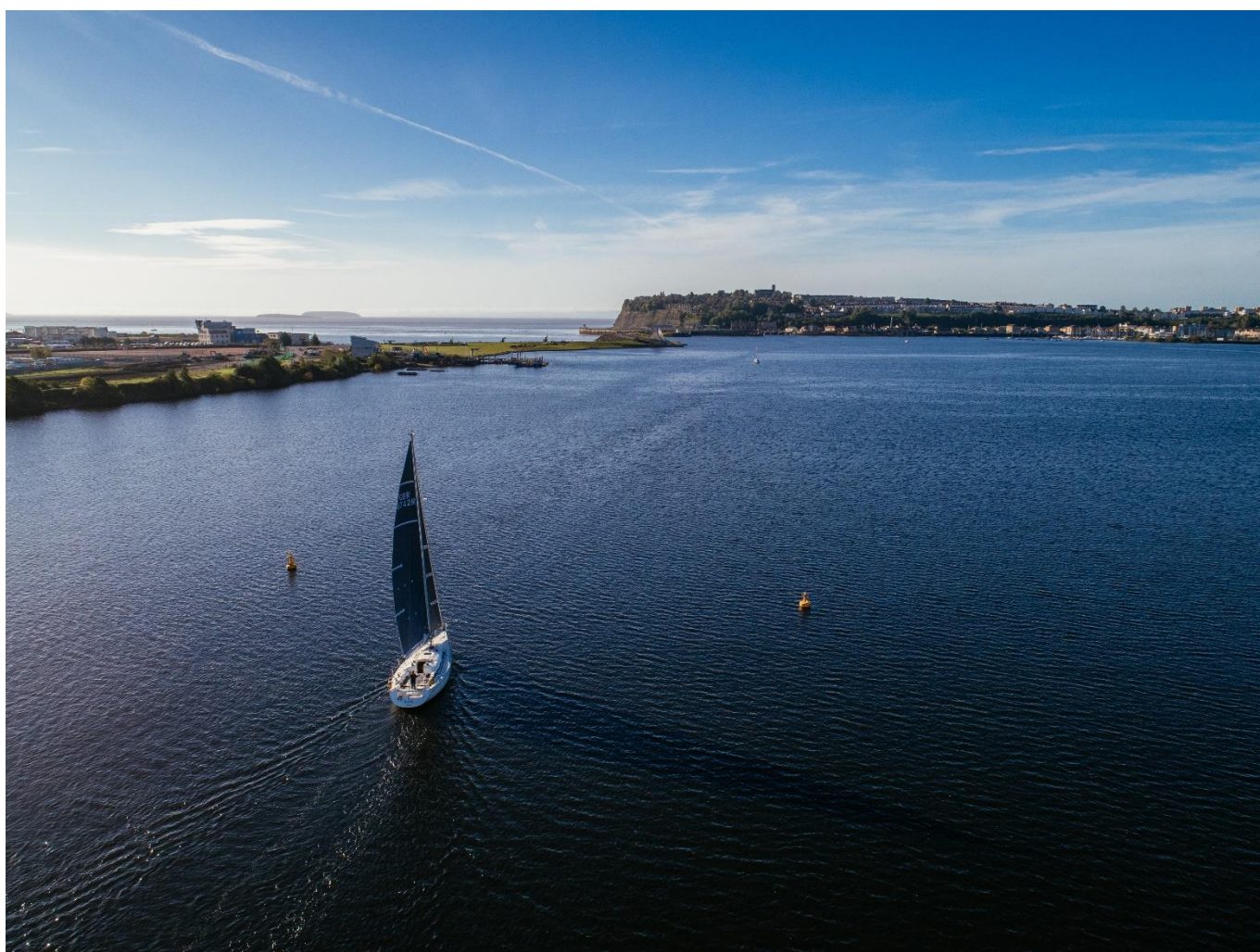


Return to Boating in Wales

Pathway to recovery for watersports activities in relation to boating in Wales



This paper has been developed by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Cymru Wales to advise the Welsh Government on measures that could be taken to re-introduce watersports activities, specifically sailing, windsurfing and motor boating activities at the earliest possible opportunity in the recovery from the current Covid-91 lockdown.

Introduction

Watersports are now being permitted in England following 'return to boating' measures that has been approved by UK Government. These measures have been developed by the UK National Governing Body for the sport of boating, the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), in-partnership with its Home Country representatives. In Wales the Home Country representative is RYA Cymru Wales. The measures support a phased approach to the re-introduction of boating, which includes sailing, windsurfing and motor boating, back in to the physical environments of our ports, marinas, harbours, off-shore and inland lakes and waterways.

The guiding principles that underpin our measures are: –

a) Always follow and only follow the Welsh Government's guidance.

Government COVID-19 measures are vital to protecting public health and wellbeing, thereby minimising pressure on front line services. RYA Cymru Wales does not have additional specialist knowledge and so will not add to, or elaborate upon those measures.

- **Application of measures:** RYA Cymru Wales's role is to provide interpretation and advice, showing our stakeholders how the latest measures on social distancing, hygiene and responsible travel (to and from physical access points) can be applied to boating so that an appropriate level of safe activity can resume.
- **Local guidelines:** Within the UK, the Home Country governments may issue their own phased plans and measures. Additionally, as we have seen to date, port authorities, local authorities, harbour authorities or marinas may also interpret guidance differently. Where the application of government guidance is unclear, we will seek clarification.

b) Be considerate, responsible and consistent

The 3 statements work together to ensure that boating resumes safely and without putting unnecessary pressure on front line services.

- **Be considerate:** be mindful of the potential impact that your actions could have on the RNLI, front line services and other water users.

Consider the local area and whether there is a risk that you could put extra pressure on the RNLI or front line services. For example are you in a very remote location? Is the area very busy? Look out for others and think about how your activity could help or hinder them e.g. families on beaches or people of other boats, wind or kite surfers who launch from the beach should give extra space to beach users.

- **Be responsible:** help to minimise risk by taking greater responsibility toward safety.

RYA Cymru Wales's guidance on safety remains unchanged: know your limits; look after yourself; keep in touch and above all have a plan. As we start to get back on the water, we advise boaters to take an

even more responsible approach to their safety and the safety of others. Boaters can err on the side of caution for example by setting additional wind limits or restricting their journeys.

- **Be consistent:** Stay consistent to the existing safety protocols of the RYA and treat others consistently. We adapt, versus rewrite, to meet the needs of the current situation.

For example a club would not need to change their safety boat protocol, but may need to apply an additional layer of guidance, for example that crews come from within a single household. A boater would continue to apply the RYA Cymru Wales's standard safety advice, but with additional consideration and responsibility. And finally, Clubs and Centres should think about maintaining consistency across all participants and candidates, ensuring that all boaters are aware of the RYA Cymru Wales measures and guidance and are treated fairly.

Prioritise the health and long term interests of boating

We never lose sight of the need to preserve the long term interests of boating, the integrity of RYA Cymru Wales, our purpose or our values.

- **Facilitate versus prevent:** RYA Cymru Wales's role is to facilitate members, clubs and training centres in their return to boating. We will steer and give advice on how activity can resume within the parameters of the Welsh Governments guidance, however we will never mandate additional restrictions.
- **Preserve long term interests:** RYA Cymru Wales work constructively and collaboratively with government departments, agencies and industry partners to ensure that our longer term ambitions for boating can continue to be met. We should all be mindful that our behaviours and conduct now will set an example to others and may have a lasting impact on the longer term interests of boating.

Welsh Government Principles

In preparing this advice we have been mindful of the principles identified in the Welsh Government's Leading Wales out of the coronavirus pandemic: *framework for recovery*:

1. **To what extent would easing a restriction have a negative effect on containing the virus?** While we acknowledge that there is some risk to containment through the increased social interaction inherent in re-introducing boating activity, we believe a pragmatic application of existing infection control measures can mitigate this risk – and will secure identifiable public health gains, particularly mental and physical well-being, by enabling the wider re-introduction of well-managed, responsible boating activity.
2. **Is the measure at the low end of risk of further infection?** We suggest that the re-introduction of boating activity through a carefully phased approach would be in line with the easing of other public restrictions and is communicable in such a way as to avoid confusion about its extent and its limits. These steps would need to include easing of the restrictions on where and with

whom boaters may exercise; as well as the gradual re-opening of access to ports, harbours, marinas, slipways, inland lakes and waterways, all of which are currently closed.

3. **How can it be monitored and enforced?** RYA Cymru Wales will guide and give advice on how activity can resume within the parameters of Welsh Governments guidance, however we will never mandate additional restrictions. Evidence, insight and learning from the RYA's prior experience in England on the easing of restrictions will enable Wales to identify examples of good practice providing further guidance to members, clubs and centres.
4. **Is it capable of being rapidly reversed if it has unintended consequences?** A general reversal of public access to the outdoors for exercise – or closures of specific sites by water access providers – would apply automatically to boating activity. RYA Cymru Wales is confident in its communication channels to boaters.
5. **Is it a measure of relatively high positive economic benefit?** Enabling providers of boating activity to resume operations as soon as possible, even to a limited degree, will start to get the sector back to work; reduce the likelihood of business failures before the next winter season; and reduce the dependence of outdoor businesses and individuals on financial support from the Government.
6. **Does it have a high impact on social and psychological well-being?** By enabling more people to participate safely in boating activity it will provide both physical and mental well-being benefits without imposing a significant burden on emergency services, since boating-led activity comes with its own safety management systems and rarely requires support from emergency services even when things go wrong.
7. **Does the measure have a high positive equality impact?** RYA Cymru Wales has been identified as a lead organisation within the equality sector, retaining the Intermediate Level within the Equality Framework whilst sitting on the Sport Equality Group. We also provide access to boating opportunities through their Charity partner, All Afloat, identifying opportunities to minority groups [see appendix 1 – infographic].

Initial Phased Return to Boating in Wales

PHASE 1. Boating added to the list of permitted activities

We believe that by following the guidance and advice below, in conjunction guidance and support on appropriate risk assessments, boating activity could safely and responsibly resume within the current restrictions.

Participation

- While social distancing within a single household remains in force, the use of single handers or boating with crews from within a single household will enable participants to safely distance themselves.
- To conform to rules on mass gatherings, racing events, rallies or volunteer led programmes will need to remain on hold.

- While travel restrictions remain in place, boaters should 'stay local'. This aligns to the current government advice for exercising local.
- Together with the RNLI, we will be advising boating participants to be extra considerate and responsible to protect the RNLI and front line services.
 - There are a wide range of ways in which boaters can be responsible in their approach. For example setting lower wind limits, restricting activity to daylight hours, wearing lifejackets / buoyancy aids and using a device to keep in touch such as RYA SafeTRX.
 - Being considerate to and keeping an eye out for the safety of other water users is more important than ever. RNLI volunteer services are likely to be stretched as the summer months begin and beaches (which may not be guarded) get busy.
- To confirm with government guidance on second homes, caravanning and camping overnight stays on boats.

Facilities (club houses, dinghy parks, marinas, yards)

- Until restrictions are lifted for cafes, restaurants, bars and gyms, communal facilities (e.g. changing facilities, club houses, marina bars and restaurants) these facilities will remain shut.
- Provision for surface and hand hygiene will be a key consideration for facility managers to ensure that boaters, visitors, volunteers and staff are protected.
- Fuelling pontoons can operate in the same way that Petrol Stations do. Providers of these services can either operate equipment themselves or provide wipes and hand gels for wipe down of equipment and hand sanitisation.
- Rigging, launching and recovering where possible to be done by the participant, however if helped this must be while observing distancing and with surfaces wiped, hands sanitised after contact with the equipment.

We have increasingly seen harbour authorities and navigation authorities introduce measures and guidance in respect of recreational boating. Boaters are advised to monitor the website of the organisation that manages the facilities where their boat is kept to ensure they are fully informed of any local restrictions that may apply.

PHASE 2 and beyond: The lifting of lockdown restrictions

Until Welsh Government plans are published none of us know what a phased reversal of lockdown measures will look. The timing of the each phase is likely to be contingent on milestones in the nation's recovery being met.

We do however anticipate that subsequent phases of the lifting of lockdown are likely to enable the gradual return to racing for some classes and formats, a broadening of cruising activity and a wider range of training activity to be delivered.

Each point in phase 1 above will be relaxed as general Welsh Government guidance changes. For example boating club bars & restaurants to open in line with easing of restrictions on public bars and restaurants, events re-introduced in line with relaxation on mass gatherings.

The key for this phase will be the application of continuous and robust risk assessment so that clubs, centres and other boating facilities feel confident that they can adhere to Welsh Government guidelines and that they can do the very best to keep their members and other visitors safe.

RYA Cymru Wales will work with Clubs and Centres to ensure that they have the guidance and resources they need to help them to facilitate a safe, phased return to boating activity.

Clubs and centres will be advised on:

- How to conduct additional risk assessment measures. Every club and centres has its own unique set of circumstances, and so a one size fits all guide would be impractical to apply. The make-up of their membership, the water they boat on, the layout and size of their facilities and geographic location will all impact how boating and use of facilities will be organised.
- Ways that racing formats can be adjusted to keep participants, volunteers and the general public safe.
- The application of additional hygiene considerations that can be applied.
- Ways in which they can communicate effectively to their members, volunteers and visitors so that they are aware of the measures in place and are clear on how to follow them.
- Building the confidence of volunteers and participants so that they feel safe to return to the activity that they love.

Guidance

RYA Cymru Wales will engage with our boating community through its members, clubs and centres ahead of any easing of restrictions to ensure they understand fully the measures and guidance that we are putting in place and to help them give careful consideration to the implications of opening their watersports offer. There is substantial benefit for Wales to observe how the measures and guidance has been rolled out in England and to build on the lessons learnt [See Appendix 2].

The messaging [Appendix 3] from RYA Cymru Wales will work alongside the guiding principles and will focus on –

Be prepared – have you assessed the risk? Is your boat, engine, vhf, trailer, wheel bearings in good working order? Have you considered who you are boating with, have you insurance in place, what's the tide going to be, is access to the water available?

Be considerate - consider the impact of your boating on yourself and others, be mindful of others on the water or beach. Are you putting emergency services under due pressure by your actions?

Be responsible – minimise risk in your approach to boating, know your limits, prepare before getting out on the water and keep in touch with others.

2019 STORY SO FAR



19%

OF CHILDREN WANT TO GO SAILING

@ SCHOOL SPORT SURVEY, 2018



2521

PARTICIPATORY OPPORTUNITIES



8 RYA CYMRU WALES CLUBS & CENTRES ENGAGED WITH ALL AFLOAT



42%

WITH AN IMPAIRMENT OR LEARNING NEED

GENDER SPLIT



16%

FROM A BAME COMMUNITY

WHERE PUPILS SAW AN IMPROVEMENT



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INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

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Club Guidance

Restarting Boating
Activity and Managing Covid-19

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Club Guidance on restarting boating activity and managing Covid-19

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Introduction

The Covid-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation that presents a number of complex challenges and decisions for all service-based organisations. The information within this document is designed to;

- Aid the decision making process of your organisation's leadership, not replace it.
- Take into account unique considerations in which you operate.

In doing this, the club should use risk assessment tools and processes to make the most effective decisions.

RYA Cymru Wales are mindful that local authorities, harbour authorities, landlords or marinas may interpret guidance differently. We will carefully review any industry specific guidance that impacts on boating activities, such as advice for the sport and hospitality sectors, as well as paying particular attention to any guidance for specific sections of our community.

RYA Cymru Wales alongside RYA as a whole will continually review all the advice we provide as we learn from clubs and other organisations throughout this process. By sharing best practice and learning from mistakes we will find ways to adapt and strengthen boating.

RYA Cymru Wales Guiding Principles

These are the RYA Cymru Wales's guiding principles that will underpin all guidance across the boating community. We would encourage decision makers to use these principles to inform their own decisions during the Covid-19 period.

1. We will always follow Government advice
 - The COVID-19 preventative measures are vital to protecting health and wellbeing and to minimising pressure on frontline services. We all have a role to play by following the Government guidelines.
2. We will, as a boating community, take a **considerate** and **responsible** approach
 - **Considerate:** be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other water users and local communities. Do not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services
 - **Responsible:** help to minimise risk by taking a highly responsible and cautious approach to your boating.

Take it step by step

This process will support your club with reviewing the range of activities (ashore and afloat) offered and the management of your facility. It is clear governments have a roadmap and there will be phases to coming out of lockdown and lifting restrictions will happen step by step, allowing new activity along the way.



Form a Covid-19 team

- Create a Covid-19 task group and consider the appointment of a Covid-19 officer to co-ordinate this group
- Who is going to make decisions related to activities, operations, implementing Covid-19 guidelines?
- Who do you need to include to help the decision making process?

Confirm what is permitted within any regulations

- Check the latest Government guidelines and advice ([Wales](#))
- Consult with local authorities, harbour authorities, landlords and insurers
- Reflect on what activity may be appropriate within given guidelines
- Think ahead to future options as well as reflecting on what is currently possible

Assess risk, decide controls

- Review the options on how you might alter club operating procedures to support activity in accordance with the RYA Cymru Wales principles outlined above.
- Look out for what is being recommended for other sectors – for example: workplaces, schools, hospitality
- Follow the Health and Safety guides to risk assessments ([HSE](#))
 - What are the new hazards?
 - Who is at risk and how?
 - What is the level of risk and what controls can you put in place to reduce this?
 - Record your findings
 - Review regularly

See table below for examples of considerations and controls you may wish to implement

Policies and procedures

- Create clear policies that identify how the club will operate under new Covid-19 restrictions
- Review existing policies and ensure amended policies are based on what is working
- Ensure amended policies are tested before finalising

Communicate

- Communicate your plan clearly and on multiple channels, provide updates as necessary, seek feedback, listen and respond
- Emphasise the importance of the actions you are taking and the impact you know it will have on members, staff and volunteers
- Use signage to provide a briefing as people arrive at the club as well as around the club and the club grounds
- Consider the need for a 'Covid-19' statement that encourages people to stay safe, recognise the risks, and asks people to follow the club's new policies or procedures
- Let members, volunteers and staff know how the club will handle situations when rules and guidelines are not followed

Review

- Ensure that all policies are reviewed regularly (at least weekly) and particularly in light of changes to government guidance, lessons learned and any other examples of best practice elsewhere

The table that follows outlines the areas of club activity or facilities that may need consideration and some of the options and controls for clubs.

Considerations and controls

Areas	Controls
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate and encourage social distancing at all times – don't require anything that breaks this guidance • Encourage everyone to be conservative and considerate in their actions around the club • Inform and train volunteers and staff on Covid-19, the symptoms, how it spreads and what people can do to stay safe • Decide how you will manage a contact or suspected contact with Covid-19 • Decide how you will handle situations where club rules and guidance in relation to Covid-19 are not followed • Decide how activities can be inclusive and people who need support to be active are considered • Put in place a process to review the potential unintended consequences of any changes to your operating guidelines • Encourage members and participants to bring their own equipment (with reminders about requirements for both safety and hygiene) • Club owned wet weather gear, wetsuits or personal flotation devices should be cleaned and dried before and after use Follow this external link for further advice¹ • If you think any equipment has been exposed to virus, clean thoroughly and do not re-use for 72 hours²
Reducing the risk of virus transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insist anyone who is unwell with the symptoms of Covid-19 to avoid attending the club • Insist anyone who has contact with a family or household member who is unwell with the symptoms of Covid-19 to avoid attending the club for a minimum of 14 days • Encourage everyone to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ wash their hands after touching common surfaces– and always after coughing, sneezing and before and after arriving and leaving the club ○ to cover their mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, and avoid touching their face, nose and eyes ○ keep your distance and avoid being face to face with people outside your household

¹ The external link is to a US organisation. The cleaning advice is valid, but we are awaiting further guidance by Welsh Government on the scientific position.

² The risk of infection following contamination decreases over time. It is not clear when there is no risk, but studies of other viruses in the same family suggest that in most instances, the risk is likely to be reduced significantly after 72 hours. Source: [Cleaning in Non-healthcare Settings](#). Gov.uk. Accessed May 2020

Areas	Controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ use face coverings in enclosed spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where there is contact between people who don't normally meet – this does not replace social distancing ● Encourage people not to share water bottles or food, and discourage use of water fountains or shared filling stations ● Identify surfaces and shared equipment (including vessels) that are likely to be frequently touched and consider whether usage is appropriate ● Provide adequate facilities for members, volunteers and staff to wash or sanitise their hands ● Review the location of these facilities in relation to the surfaces or equipment that is likely to be used or touched by different users ● Provide products for members, volunteers and staff to clean their work areas before and after use ● Review the cleaning schedule and protocol so that all common surfaces and touch points can be cleaned and disinfected more frequently, using your usual cleaning products ● If shared equipment can't be cleaned consider withholding for 72 hours ● Keep club house and other areas (if open) well ventilated
Facilities - including club grounds, buildings, indoor facilities and changing rooms / toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Re-check latest Government guidelines at least weekly to see what indoor facilities can open. ● Close indoor facilities, apart from toilets and through-ways ● Close the club house or parts of it where social distancing or cleanliness cannot be controlled ● Liaise with other users of your site or facility to agree a common way of working to meet the government guidelines together ● Preview likely flow of people around the club (indoor and outside) and identify where 2 metre distancing is not possible and come up with alternatives ● Decide on signage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ good social distancing practice - one way systems, 2 metre markings, entry and exit routes, closing off some areas ○ good hygiene practice ● Limit capacity to ensure social distancing can be maintained ● Limit access to changing rooms and toilets or restrict use of some facilities to ensure people can stay 2 metres apart

Areas	Controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit access to shared lockers, or have a cleaning schedule that is realistic for their use • Replace hand dryers with paper towels in handwashing facilities • Increase ventilation wherever possible
Launching and mooring facilities, services and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide how social distancing can be maintained when loading / unloading, launching / recovering, and when waiting on pontoons or slipways • Assess whether social distancing can be maintained in club vessels as they ferry people to and from moorings • Have a plan for maintenance and fuelling options of vessels used to ferry people to and from moorings • Identify the equipment needed for any vessel or crew involved in launching or mooring facilities / services, including: face coverings; additional lines; boarding ladder; grab holds • Assess how to minimise the number of people needed to maintain services • Re-design the launching or mooring service so it can be carried out by members of the same household
Pontoons and slipways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review likely flow of people in rigging, launching and berthing areas • Identify where 2 metre distancing is not possible • Put in place signposting: one way systems; 2 metre markings; entry and exit routes; closing off some areas • Zone rigging, final preparation, launching and cleaning / rinsing areas • Limit assistance with berthing, trolleys, launching / recovery to household groups
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the range of activity (ashore and afloat) at the club and whether it can fit with the current Government guidelines to decide which can proceed, and which need to remain on hold. • Re-check the current advice of the emergency services and any local authorities / landlords responsible for the boating area • Map activities to the steps the Governments are considering: e.g. restarting school, expanding household groups or 'bubbles', opening some hospitality and leisure facilities

Areas	Controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only allow activities where individuals or households can participate by themselves while maintaining social distancing – avoid large groups • Do not organise events or competitions at this time • Limit coaching to 1:1 sessions • Asses the level of safety cover, support and supervision required for a considerate and conservative approach • When racing is considered a viable activity, consider adapting Sailing Instructions to make applying social distancing advice easier – see guidance from RYA Racing Department when available • When considering RYA Training Centre activity review the Restarting RYA Training guidelines document • When reviewing activities consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the likelihood of contact between members of different households ○ the needs of people who may have been asked to pay particular attention to social distancing ○ the numbers of people likely to be involved ○ to what extent the activity is outdoors or inside ○ the amount of travel participants will have to undertake to get to the club ○ the extent to which shared equipment will be used • If activities are re-designed check the new ways of working are realistic, safe, minimize impact on the emergency services, are considerate and conservative • Schedule activities for groups at different times of the day or week and staggering the start and end times of activity • Create a system so members can book time at the club or on the water (like you would book a golf tee time) • Introduce or update sign out / sign in procedures • Ask members to arrive dressed for the activity • Put in place a communication system for all participants (return to shore, hailing support, dealing with incidents, end of session)Explore alternative formats for activities that may make it easier to implement social distancing advice for staff, volunteers and participants

Areas	Controls
On the water safety	<p>Preparing safety boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the access to safety boats and storage / mooring options • Review maintenance and fuelling options • Identify the equipment needed to ease launch, recovery and rescue of people, including: face coverings; additional lines; kedje anchor; boarding ladder; heaving lines / throw bags; life buoys <p>Safety boat launch and recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current launch and recovery methods to minimise risk of transmission of virus (consider using winches / vehicles to reduce people involved, long lines with 2 metre marks) • Minimise number of households involved in launch and recovery <p>Safety boat crew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess your craft, location, and other safety boats afloat • Asses the safety boat manning levels (see G16 RYA Safety Boat Handbook for more details) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Balance the risk posed by potential transmission of the virus from your current operating procedures vs the risk posed by a potentially lower level of operability with different manning levels ○ Balance the number of vessels afloat with manning levels • Recruit safety cover from single households • Recruit experienced crew who are operating well within their competence and capabilities • Face coverings may protect others where social distancing isn't possible – wash your hands before putting them on and taking them off (they do not replace social distancing) • Use fixed teams for safety cover • Avoid face to face contact in the rib as much as possible • Hold briefings outside or in large, well ventilated areas with physical distancing guidelines in place • Update safety crew on latest procedures and techniques

Areas	Controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-enforce briefings with key information online • Debrief online or using social media <p>Safety boat techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain hailing distance unless physical support is required • Choose techniques in line with RYA Safety Boat Handbook that minimise physical contact – for example mast tip / use of centreboard, scoop method • Where possible tow astern rather than alongside • If recovering a person to a safety boat consider methods to minimise physical and face to face contact: grab handles; using the engine as a step, deflate the sponson (ribs only) or using a hypo hoist / jason’s cradle or ladder system <p>On the water participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be conservative – stay within the limits of your ability • Factors to consider when deciding to go afloat include: forecast, temperature, wind speed, direction, sea state, tide, visibility, participants’ competence; safety crew competence; and types of craft involved • Use righting lines, long painters and mast head floats • Restrict your sailing area activities to make it easier for shore support and safety cover afloat • Allocate different sailing areas to different activities to make it easier for shore support and safety cover • If used, consider reducing maximum wind limits for different sailing areas • Remind members about the importance of having a plan, letting someone know what you are doing, and being in communication – use RYA SafeTrx, mobile phones, UHF or VHF radios • Sailors, coaches and instructors to stay in their own boats and maintain social distancing afloat
Bar and Catering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars and restaurants remain closed until further notice • Take away services can be offered but hot or cold food must be consumed off the premises, outside the building • Assess when it is appropriate to open bar and catering facilities in line with Government guidance and legislation • Plan for how staff and volunteers can stay safe

Areas	Controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief and train staff and volunteers on how to stay safe • Implement contactless payment and paperless ordering • Review likely flow of people around the bar, food serving and seating areas and identify where 2 metre distancing is not possible • Introduce signage: one way systems, 2 metre markings, entry and exit routes, closing off some areas • Provide a take away only service
<p>Responding to a potential Covid-19 exposure at your club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow public health advice – new phases may include advice about contact tracing • Make sure everyone’s contact numbers and emergency contact details are up to date • Anyone who displays or develops symptoms of Covid-19 should be sent home

Appendices

Tool: Activities – Planning for the future

Use this matrix to record what is possible at your club as social distancing measures change following your review. Add/remove activities / areas that are relevant for your club.

Government Guidelines	Stay home, save lives – only leave home if it is essential	Initial Return Phase	Phased return for Primary schools Non-essential retail	Places of worship Leisure facilities Hospitality	Restrictions lifted
Date	01/03/20 –				
Activity / Area					
Limited opening for members	(Yes/No/Possibly)	(Yes/No/Possibly)	(Yes/No/Possibly)	(Yes/No/Possibly)	(Yes/No/Possibly)
Restricted sailing					
General sailing					
Simple racing					
Club racing					
Formal training					
Club house fully open					
Indoor sessions / events					
Open events					
Larger national events					

Tool: Clarifying controls

Use this tool whilst reviewing the considerations and controls within the table to list the likely controls required within each phase of the roadmap

Area	Controls currently in place	Extra Controls Required	Review point
General	e.g. Club house closed, staff training, member communication	e.g. extra signage, policies & procedures	e.g. 15/05/20
Reducing the risk of the virus			
Facilities			
Launching and mooring			
Pontoon and slipway			
Activities			
On the water safety			
Bar and catering			
Responding to a potential Covid-19 exposure at your club			
(insert area relevant to club)			
(insert area relevant to club)			
(insert area relevant to club)			
(insert area relevant to club)			

Tool: Covid-19 Secure Club Opening check-list

Action	Check	Date	Comment
Do you have an individual or team who are responsible for reviewing and implementing your policies and procedures?			
Are you aware of all relevant, current Government guidance, statutory requirements and checked with your insurers?			
Have you carried out a satisfactory risk assessment for any proposed activities?			
Have you taken appropriate steps to mitigate against the risk of infection amongst staff, volunteers and members?			
Have you taken appropriate actions to mitigate against the risk of requiring the emergency services?			
Are you confident you can offer an appropriately 'Covid secure' environment for your members?			
Do you know how you will manage a contact or suspected contact with Covid-19?			
Do you know how you will handle situations where club rules and guidance in relation to Covid-19 are not followed?			
Have you effectively communicated any new operating procedures with your members, staff and volunteers?			
Do you have a plan to review all of the above weekly?			

Useful links

Governments

Wales

[Coronavirus in Wales](#)

[Leaving home to exercise in Wales](#)

[RYA Cymru Wales coronavirus](#)

England

[Coronavirus in England and the UK Government](#)

[Guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation](#)

[Guidance for the public on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation](#)

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BE PREPARED, BE CONSIDERATE, BE RESPONSIBLE



BE PREPARED

Assess the Risk, ensure your boat is still insured, services are in date, boats are maintained and access is available



WHO CAN I BOAT WITH?

Have you considered who you can boat with



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Do not place unnecessary strain on the RNLI and emergency services



STAY INFORMED

Check the weather forecast, carry a means to communicate, boat within your ability, stay up to date with Government Advice

BE SAFE, HAVE FUN

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