



Roa Island Boating Club Limited

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Roa Island Boating Club Ltd. Covid 19 Policy and Procedure Document Created 13th May 2020 Reviewed 22nd March 2021 Author P.Bibby

Roa Island Boating Club Covid 19 Statement, Policy and Procedures

The Covid-19 outbreak continues to be an evolving situation that represents a number of complex challenges and decisions for Roa Island Boating Club Ltd. While infections and deaths across the country continue to reduce the government plans to lift the country wide lockdown in stages following their 'roadmap' and RIBC Covid team have carried out a further review today and have made some changes to our procedures with respect to rule changes that will occur on the 29th March 2021

Following advice from our governing body (RYA) we formed a Covid-19 action team and appointed a Covid Officer who will take into account of all the unique considerations within which the Club operates. The Health and Safety of the clubs' members, volunteers and staff are always the number one priority. All necessary measures will be taken to be Covid-19 secure and reduce the risk of infection from Covid-19 to members, volunteers, staff and visitors in accordance with current Government guidance. Likewise, in these times of increased strain on UK emergency services, the club will need to ensure that the risk of an incident leading to support from the emergency services is minimised. This relies on people taking individual and collective responsibility to protect, not only themselves, but everyone around them.

1. We will always follow government advice

a. The Covid-19 preventative measures are vital to protect health and wellbeing and to minimise pressure on front line services We all have a role to play by following the Governments laws and guidelines.

2. We will, as a boating community, take a considerate and conservative approach.

a. Considerate; be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other users and do not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and other emergency services.

b. Conservative; help to minimise risk by taking an extra conservative approach to Club activities

**Covid 19 Action Team
Steve Almond Covid Officer
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Roa Island Boating Club Ltd Working Procedures

We will review our procedures regularly and ensure amended procedures are based upon Government laws and guidelines and on what is working. We will always ensure that procedures are working and will take action if they are not working.

The boat club will be re-opened on the 29th March 2021 but we will not hesitate to shut down again if this would be the best interests of our members.

All members will be required to practise social distancing, wear face masks in all buildings and follow all current government laws and guidelines.

Spar Shed.

Access to the Spar Shed lockers will be by a strict one-way system. Entry will be by the old North door and exit via the new locker room door or old South door. The brew making and washing facility can be used on a one person at a time only basis, the area must be sanitised after each use and anyone using these facilities must leave the building as soon as possible – any abuse of this will have this facility withdrawn immediately. The roller shutter door should only be opened to access the ATV and kept shut at all other times – this is not to be used for pedestrian access. Members must always maintain the 2m social distancing rule and leave as quickly as possible.

Tank House

The Tank House workshop may be used but by only one person at a time.

No major projects are permitted without permission of the committee.

When using this workshop and equipment members must take all reasonable steps to leave the area in a clean and sanitised state for the next user to avoid any possible contamination.

Clubhouse

The Clubhouse is closed (apart from the toilet) and no building is permitted to be used for gatherings on RIBC premises.

The toilet facilities are open, but members must follow the instructions on the toilet entrance – one out one in.

Hand sanitising stations are provided throughout the site for members and contractors use. These sanitising stations are outside the clubhouse entrance, both toilets and North and South end Spar Shed doors.

We have put in place a Covid-19 Code of Practice for Contractors which will permit Contractors to work on site in a safe manner.

The Kubota Sub Compact Tractor and ATV may only be used by authorised members and drivers should ensure they are fully sanitised after each use and see item 6 below in the Code of Practise for Use of Slipways.

Use of the John Deer tractor is only permitted by authorised drivers.

Authorisation is by the Covid Team.

With the Covid infection and death rates across the country remaining high we are again reminded to use due diligence in ensuring all equipment is sanitised after use.

Please remember to practice social distancing at all times and follow these working practices; it is for the safety and wellbeing of use all. If any member is unable to follow these working practices they will receive a two week suspension of membership.

For further information please contact Steve Almond, Paul Bibby or Ian Postlethwaite

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This Code of Practice forms the practices to be adopted by any member launching boats and using the slipways on club premises and land during the restrictions implemented by UK government during the Corvid-19 outbreak.

Codes of Practice for launching and recovery from Slipways.

1. Members launching small boats and tenders are **not encouraged** to use their own vehicles for launching and recovery unless they have done so previously and are experienced.
2. Social distancing should be observed at all times when using the slipways, please use common sense. If there are a lot of boats on the slipway please wait until it is quieter.
3. Only authorised members that are suitably trained can use the Kubota sub compact small tractor. Operators must use sanitising gels and sprays held onboard.
4. For members sailing dinghies, kayaks, windsurfers etc. please note that the changing and showering facilities are still closed so you will need to arrive suitably attired and get changed in your vehicles.
5. Outboard test tank is approved for use but must be cleaned down after every use, please note that the water has been dosed with bleach to keep contamination to a minimum, if anyone has any worried about using bleach in the water to flush engines they should not use it. The use of the washdown area and hoses requires that anyone using the hoses should wear gloves and the equipment hosed clean ready for the next user.

Roa Island Boating Club Ltd Additional procedures for dinghy racing during Covid 19 Epidemic.

This procedure to be reviewed as appropriately

Social Distancing must be practiced at all times.

All sailors must arrive kitted out ready to sail until government guidelines allow the use of the changing rooms.

All sailors taking part must be competent and appropriately experienced in the sailing area.

The decision to race will be made by the dinghy committee on the morning of the race

All races to be short courses, No long distance racing

Additional Safety Boat Procedures

Safety boat kit to include surgical masks and gloves for use if contact required for casualty recovery.

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