



Dear Member(s)

Monday July 19th has arrived as England moves into Step 4 where the UK Government has eased all of the restrictions that had been put on us. As before with the help of guidance from the RYA we can now return to some sort of normality in how the Club operates. This extract comes direct from the RYA website:

- *There are no limits on how many people can meet*
- *1m-plus rule removed (except in some places like hospitals, or before passport control when entering the country)*
- *Face coverings are no longer required by law, although wear might be a condition of travel in some cases*
- *Pubs and restaurants are no longer table-service only*
- *There are no limits on people attending sporting events*
- *Guidance recommending against travel to amber countries is removed (see Arriving in the UK below)*

You can find an outline on what this means for the sport of sailing by following this link to the RYA website: [roadmap for the return of recreational boating in England](#). This link sets out the RYA's current understanding of what each step means. There are also [FAQs](#) which have been published. We will be putting a link to these on our website.

Government guidance updated on July 19th 2021 is also available if you follow this link: [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#).

While most of the guidance is self-explanatory, as cases are still rising and that comes with hospitalisation, we believe we need to make the following points:

- Whilst the use of face coverings has been removed by law, we would urge caution and recommend the use of face coverings inside the clubhouse, i.e. when in the main club building ordering or collecting food, in the race box
 - We would encourage you to keep to the pre 19th July recommendation which allowed only 1 person in each of the changing rooms at any time unless you are in a family bubble and to remove your kit bag after changing and store them in your car or by your boat. Only use the changing rooms if you have to.
 - Sanitiser is being provided at all of the current places, (changing rooms, clubhouse at the tables, and the box on the outside of the clubhouse and we would urge you to keep using this.
 - When entering the clubhouse to purchase or collect food please continue to use the one-way system and respect people's personal space.
 - Please continue to sign in by scanning the Track and Trace QR code on arrival at the Club. Track and trace is a vital way to reduce outbreaks.
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This now takes us to our programmed events. We can now start to man safety boats with 2 persons (safety helm/safety crew) and run racing from the Race box with more than 1 person. Having said that we would urge people in close contact to consider wearing of face coverings if at all possible. The Sailing Secretary will be populating the duty roster for Sunday racing, based on people's preferences as indicated on subscription renewal form. If possible you can also go to "Dutyman", (link is on our website) and choose your own duties. If you have been asked to perform a duty and are uncomfortable being in close proximity to another person, please contact the Sailing Secretary who will be happy to help or organise your own replacement.

I hope this answers any questions and queries you have, however if you have any specific questions you can contact me and if I don't know the answer, I will try to point you in the right direction to find an answer.

Lastly, if you have Covid-19, any Covid-19 symptoms, have tested positive for Covid-19 or have been pinged by the NHS app and told to self-isolate, please do not travel to the club. Stay safe and happy sailing

Regards
Chris Larter
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