

Policy & Arrangements for Running Racing at HISC during the Coronavirus Restrictions

Policy:

The purpose of this Policy is to define the basis upon which formal racing at HISC will be provided during the period when Coronavirus Restrictions are active.

The arrangements described below are based on the Government Covid-19 Response Spring 2021 (Roadmap) and 'RYA COVID-19. A roadmap for the return to boating activity in England' dated 3rd March and are effective up until June 21st 2021 when it is anticipated that all restrictions will be lifted. Should the roadmap or RYA guidance be revised, this Policy will be reviewed.

The Policy maintains our position that members must:

- Observe Social Distancing of 2 metres.
- Take personal responsibility and plan to be self sufficient, including taking a phone or vhf radio afloat with them with which to contact the club if needing assistance.
- Use common sense and courtesy.
- Not come to the club if they or anyone in their family are displaying symptoms.

All government advice regarding hygiene must be observed.

Visitors

During the period up to 17th May, non-members are be permitted to attend HISC for the purpose of enabling a member to sail a boat registered at the club. Visiting boats are not permitted. Youth participants should be accompanied by no more than one parent or guardian.

From the 17th May onwards, non-members may attend the club and bring a boat for the purposes of participating on Open events or formal training organised or hosted by HISC.

Any visitors must sign in at Reception in the usual way, and must comply with any Covid arrangements in place at HISC at the time, including providing in advance any Covid test results that may be required by the club.

Responsibility:

Hayling Island Sailing Club will organise racing in a way that maintains the requirements for Social Distancing, avoids gatherings and provides for the health and welfare of race officials and competitors. Where double handed boats are sailed by people from different households, each boat must make their own assessment of the COVID risk and take precautionary measures appropriate to their situation. The assessment will be different for each boat, for example:

- Helm and crew are from different households, both work from home and do not go out for meetings or use public transport. Both in good health. Risk level very low. Control measures not required.
- Helm and crew are from different households, a serving police officer sails with his elderly father in law, who has underlying health conditions, in a Flying Fifteen. Risk level very high. Face coverings may provide some control. Probably shouldn't sail.

All other Social Distancing and gathering requirements ashore apply; if you have any symptoms, don't come to the club; stay at home.

Club members are responsible for determining how they will comply with the regulations.

The safety and welfare of staff and members, including competitors, race team and safety crews is paramount. Race and safety boat teams, where possible will comprise of people from the same household or bubble. If the sailing conditions are such that, in the opinion of the Race Office, the probability of boats requiring high levels of intervention or assistance has become unacceptably high, formal racing will not take place.

Arrangements

Race Teams and Provision of Safety or Patrol Boats:

Where possible, teams from the same household will be used. The Race Team should bring and use their own equipment (pens, paper, binoculars etc).

Hand sanitizer will be provided in the Race Box.

Where two volunteers can be found to operate a safety or patrol boat, one will be provided. If volunteers cannot be found to do this, racing will not take place. They must provide assistance as required by RRS 1.1, using their discretion and judgement to keep themselves safe. Safety crews will be briefed on operating safely with respect to Coronavirus as well as their general duties by the Marine Team.

Hand sanitizer will be provided at the Marine Office.

Means for recovering a person from the water, such as a recovery ladder will be provided, and safety crews trained in its use.

Format of Racing:

Club racing on Wednesday evening and Saturdays will be run from the Race Box. Club racing on Sundays will be run from a Committee Boat.

Pennant Weekend racing on both Saturday and Sunday will be run from a Committee boat.

The racing format, class flags and start times can be found on the club racing fixtures page <http://www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/club-fixtures/>

To avoid gatherings and assist with social distancing, signing on and off will be electronically by Sail Event. (This changes SI 15.2). Courses will be published at the club main entrance, on the noticeboard adjacent to the snack bar and at the bottom of the balcony stairs adjacent to the men's toilets.

Briefings and Prize givings:

Briefings and prize givings shall not take place.