

# REYC COVID19 GUIDANCE

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References:

- A. [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- B. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities>
- C. Defence Advice Notes accessible on MODnet at <https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/defnet/HOCS/Pages/Defence-policy-statements.aspx#Heading1>
- D. RYA COVID Club guidance - [https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/Club\\_Guidance\\_Covid19\\_v1.2.pdf](https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/Club_Guidance_Covid19_v1.2.pdf)
- E. [https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA Sailing & Racing in Mixed Households.pdf](https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA_Sailing_&_Racing_in_Mixed_Households.pdf) (Guidance updated 21 Aug 20).

1. **COVID Regulation and Guidance.** UK Government regulations and supporting guidance applicable to England are set out at Reference A with more detailed guidance for sports at Reference B. Ministry of Defence COVID guidance applicable to duty personnel and MOD establishments is provided on the internal MODnet site in Defence Advice Notices (DAN) at Reference C and is amplified by site specific risk assessments and instructions issued by each MOD establishment or unit. RYA COVID guidance for Clubs and Recognised Training Centres is at Reference D and detailed advice on sailing for mixed households is at Reference E.
2. **REYC Responsibilities.** REYC's priority is to keep our members and Club officers safe. REYC provides boats, equipment and moorings for use by Club members. As at Oct 20 it is not running training or courses. To ensure that all REYC activities are undertaken in a COVID safe manner, and that this policy is clearly understood throughout REYC we will:
  - a. Provide guidance.
  - b. Where people need to be on site, advise Club officers and members to remain with an REYC bubble or to work alone, to wear face coverings in common areas and not to mix socially with other people on site.
  - c. Provide additional sanitisation and cleaning materials on Club yachts.
  - d. Review this policy every 3 months or more frequently if significant changes occur through a COVID sub-committee of Cdre, RC(I), RC(O) and RC(R). (Next review to align with Jan 21 MC meeting.)
3. **Member Responsibilities.** REYC members are responsible for managing their own health and minimizing the risk of COVID-19 spread to others. REYC

expects all members, charterers and staff to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing rules (Ref A - C) including:

- a. If you or someone in your household develop COVID-19 symptoms you must not visit REYC or other sailing facilities. If on site leave immediately and inform the site duty manager, then follow government self-isolation rules.
- b. Respect all site users and keep to the 2-metre social distancing rule at all times.
- c. Apply hand sanitiser before entering office space and yachts.
- d. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and bin the tissue straight away.
- e. Adhere to one-way traffic systems onsite and gangways at all times.

4. **Risk Assessment.** The 3 main areas of COVID risk for REYC members and staff are:

- a. Risk of infection for Bosun and Club Officers around the yachts and dinghies and at the Army Offshore and Inshore Sailing Centres. To reduce these risks, REYC bosuns and Club officers, such as CoB, working at AOSC are to comply with direction on PPE, working from home and social distancing in Ref C, with each establishment's COVID policies and this guidance.
- b. Risk of infection between arriving/departing crews and both REYC and site personnel. The risks are primarily at handover and takeover and are addressed below for offshore yachts and the Chatham moorings.
- c. Risk of infection between crew members, which increases when the proximity of individuals is reduced on board. Detailed RYA guidance on how to mitigate this risk is at Ref E. Skippers are to read this document and apply the mitigations applicable for their sailing.

5. **Inshore Sailing.** As at Oct 20, Club dinghies are only to be sailed single handed or by two people where they are from the same household or bubble. Members planning to use Club dinghies or windsurfing equipment are to check the COVID policy and instructions issued by the club or centre where they will be sailing before travelling to the site and are to comply with that club or centre's policies including social distancing, face coverings, use of changing rooms and toilets. RC(I) will keep club inshore sailors informed about AISTC policies.

6. **Use of Club Yachts.**

- a. Skippers are responsible for ensuring that their crews are healthy and are not required to self-isolate and that they comply with current regulations such as (in Oct 20) the 'Rule of Six', which limits crews to no more than 6 people.

- b. RC(O) is to develop and maintain a process that outlines how the Club will minimise risk to both Bosuns and charter crews during handover/takeover of yachts.
- c. Crews from one household may sleep overnight on yachts; skippers are to ensure compliance with Ref A. Crews from separate bubbles must limit the number of crew below deck at any one time in order to maintain social distancing and cannot sleep on yachts overnight.
- d. Skippers and crews are to abide by Fort Blockhouse and AOSC COVID policies and procedures when on site. These are to be provided to charter skippers in advance by REYC.
- e. Skippers and crews should limit travel to site by public transport in order to minimise the risk of infection.
- f. Skippers should ensure that they and their crew do not mix socially with other crews and that they adhere to social distancing and other national COVID regulations when visiting other harbours, marinas or ports.
- g. A crew member may develop symptoms during a charter or be instructed by NHS Test and Trace to isolate. In such circumstances the skipper is contact the Bosun and CoB immediately and before berthing at AOSC, so that mitigation measures relevant to the particular situation can be arranged to protect the individual, crew members and the REYC bosun and others at AOSC and Fort Blockhouse.

7. **Club Moorings.** Access to the Club's moorings on the Medway is through the RSME Upnor training site. RSME's COVID policies are applicable to members entering the site and to those launching and recovering tenders from the slipway; these policies are available through Chatham Br. Members remain responsible for their own health and that of their crew, for complying with broader national regulations and for their activities once aboard their yachts. Should a crew member of a yacht sailed from Upnor develop COVID symptoms or be instructed to isolate by NHS Test and Trace as a result of previous contacts whilst afloat, the skipper must contact RSME before returning to Upnor in order that a solution can be developed to manage the health of the crew members and risk of infection of others at Upnor.

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