



## Tudor Sailing Club – Restarting on the Water Activities

### Context

The ongoing pandemic has seen frequent changes to rules and restrictions that apply to sailing clubs in England. As we navigate our way through this period, we are regularly assessing government regulations, RYA advice and our own ability to offer a suitable environment for sailing and social activities.

This policy reflects HM Government's publicised thinking and current RYA Guidance; the Executive Committee will publicise to the membership current status and any change of status, including retrogressive change if circumstances dictate.

The club envisages a phased return to on the water activities in the following stages:

Stage 0. The club is closed for all activity.

Stage 1. The club is open for members to sail/paddle/row their own boats subject to any crew being from the same household. Members may access their own boats in the compounds. There is no organised club sailing or social activity. Access to the club house is limited to use of the toilets / hand washing. Members may not use the changing rooms for changing, nor may they use the showers. All other areas of the club house are closed. Members must follow social distancing and hygiene regimes.

Stage 2. As stage 1 plus small groups of up to 6 people in total may sail or row together as long as social distancing is observed. The club gigs and kayaks are available for hire subject to hygiene and booking in/out requirements.

Stage 3. The club operating a limited organised sailing and rowing programme within specified capacity limits, maintaining hygiene regimes. This includes dinghy racing, cruiser racing and small group activity such as group rowing sessions and Women on the Water. Cadets may not operate during this stage.

Stage 4. As stage 3 plus the club is operating a limited bar and galley operation, with outdoor service only, subject to social distancing and hygiene regimes. The club house remains closed at times when the bar and/or galley are not open. This Stage will come into effect when the government's roadmap achieves Step 2, no earlier than 12 April.

Stage 5. As stage 4 plus the bar and galley may open for indoor service subject to social distancing and hygiene regimes. A Cadet programme may commence, however, there will be limitations on the numbers of cadets and on use of the changing rooms and showers. **Members may not use changing rooms and showers outside of the cadet programme** and the club house remains closed at times when the bar and/or galley are not open. This Stage will come into effect when the government's roadmap achieves Step 3, no earlier than 17 May.

Stage 6. The remaining restrictions are eased in accordance with the government's roadmap Step 4, no earlier than 21 June.

The Executive Committee will formally announce start dates for each stage, and any other considerations.



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### Current Status

The government has published the 'COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021', setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England. On 29th March, the planned easements will allow the club to return to Stage 3 of our phased return to on the water activities.

Movement from Stage 3 to further stages is dependent upon the UK Government roadmap moving between Steps. Changes in Stage will be announced via Webcollect. The Executive Committee has updated the Bye-Laws to include the current version of this document in the Bye-Laws and for it to override the Bye-Laws where they may conflict.

### Stage 3 Policy

Subject to the requirements below, members may at their own risk:

- Launch, sail and recover their own dinghies, kayaks, SUPs, windsurfers, rowing boats and tenders.
- Take part in dinghy racing using the procedure defined in the current issue of the Restarting Dinghy Racing Document.
- Sail their cruiser if it is on the water. **Note: staying overnight on your boat is currently NOT permitted.**
- Take part in cruiser racing.
- Take part in small group on the water sessions such as rowing and Women on the Water.
- Access and work on their boat in the compound and permit contractors to carry out works under their supervision
- Arrange to bring a dinghy, kayak, or rowing boat that has a paid up summer or all-year compound space into the compound.
- Launch and Recover cruisers using the procedures defined in the current issue of the Relaunching and Recovering Cruisers document.
- Use the club gigs, kayaks and sailing dinghies provided hygiene and booking in/out requirements are met.
- Note: the Bar will remain closed, as per Government regulations.

### Requirements:

- Members must abide by current Government Covid-19 Guidance and also follow current RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households during Covid-19 in England.
- All members are required to record their names and contact details when taking part in **any** organised activities (on or off the water); this can be done using the NHS Test and Trace App and QR Code. It is also recommended that all members use the NHS Test and Trace App and QR Code when attending the club for any reason (including work on boats in the compound).
- Members must not gather ashore in groups of more than 6 people.
- Members must not come to the club if they, or a member of their household, has Covid-19 symptoms, or if they have been asked to self isolate, or quarantine. Government



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guidance must be followed for the length of time a member should quarantine or self isolate.

- Any member who experiences symptoms of Covid-19 or has a positive Covid-19 test within 14 days of visiting the club must notify the Executive Committee.
- Members should assume that all surfaces are potentially contaminated and wash their hands accordingly.
- Members must limit access to the club house to use of the toilets and hand washing facilities. Access must be through the external changing room doors, not through the club house lobby. The changing facilities and showers must not be used. The lobby is only to be entered to access the keysafe for the club boat keys, the Race Box key, the Workshop key, the First Aid Box and the Defibrillator, which are stored in the electricity Cupboard and lobby. The remainder of the club house is out of bounds.
- No more than one member (or one family group) may access the ladies or gents toilets and hand washing facilities at the same time.
- The club will provide hand sanitiser as follows, this must not be removed from the club:
  - In red buckets outside the external changing room doors. This must be used on hands before entering and after leaving the changing room.
  - In the changing rooms. This must be applied to toilets, wash basin taps, after each use.
  - In yellow buckets, inside each compound and slipway gate. This must be used in the same manner as for entering the clubhouse. i.e. apply to hands only which will then transfer to all touch points.
- Sailing is only permitted where the forecast is no greater than a base level of F4 gusting F5. Members are responsible for checking the forecast and current conditions before sailing.
- The club rowing gigs, kayaks and sailing dinghies may be used as follows:
  - The only club dinghies that can be booked for use currently are the two Fevas, the Quba, the Wayfarer, and the Wanderer.
  - **Before using the club rowing gigs**, please ensure you have read and adhere to the general guidance document on rowing which is displayed at the club. If in doubt or a copy is required please contact [rowing@tudorsailing.org.uk](mailto:rowing@tudorsailing.org.uk).
  - **Prior to use**, members must apply diluted disinfectant to touch points particularly on oars, gunwales and the areas touched during entry / egress. The harbour safe disinfectant and a cup for measuring it are in the plastic box close to the club patrol boats. The yellow plastic bucket has a marked line for the water needed to mix with a cup of disinfectant. Members should rinse the area and their hands afterwards to minimise the exposure of their skin to the chemicals.
  - **After use**, members must fully rinse the gig, kayak or dinghy using the hose and then reapply diluted disinfectant to the touch points as above. Members should also wash their hands with soap and water after touching shared equipment.
  - The kayak store keys must also be rinsed with disinfectant prior to returning them to the keysafe.
  - When rinsing equipment, members should be careful to minimise the amount of spray generated.



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- Usage logs are in the plastic box close to the club patrol boats. **Members must log their name, contact number, the craft used, and the date and time of their launch and recovery.** In completing the log, members will confirm they have cleaned and disinfected the gig / kayak / dinghy.
  - Usage must be consistent with current RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households during Covid-19 in England.
  - Members should book usage of the gig, kayak or dinghy in the usual manner. Where possible, the member should use the same craft on each outing.
  - Hire tickets must be purchased through Webcollect in the usual manner.
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- The RIBs / patrol boats may not be launched except as defined in the current issue of the Restarting Dinghy Racing Document, or in an emergency.
  - Members should ensure that all equipment is properly checked before going out and minimise any risk to the emergency services.
  - Members should consider carrying a phone and / or VHF radio on the water, and ensuring someone on land knows their plan and that they have returned safely. Members are encouraged to use the RYA SAFETRX system.
  - Care must be taken on slipways and in the compound to maintain social distancing, especially when queuing to access the hose or to enter the water. Members must not touch any boat or trolley other than the one they are using except in an emergency.

## Cruiser Launching and Overstay

As the Cruiser Relaunch weekend has been lost due to the Lockdown, Cruisers will be launched a few each day on dates agreed with the Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre, who will be sharing our slip from the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Cruisers must only be launched on the agreed dates and must **NOT** be launched on any other days.

Due to the Sea Defence works starting in June, all Cruisers must be launched before the 1<sup>st</sup> June or they will be subject to overstay fees. The only exceptions will be for agreed sick boats and agreed sick or shielding owners.

## Harbour Permits

Boats must carry a valid harbour permit.



# RETURN TO BOATING

## HERE'S HOW:

### ..... BE CONSIDERATE .....

Avoid placing extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services:



**Consider the impact of your boating**



**Be mindful of others on the water or beach**



**Watch and be ready to assist others if needed**

### ..... BE CONSERVATIVE .....

Minimise risk in our approach to boating:



**Know our limits**



**Prepare before getting out on the water**



**Keep in touch**



**wash your hands**



**respect social distancing**



**check local restrictions**

The RYA supports Government guidelines to prevent spreading of COVID-19 and minimise pressure on frontline services.

Further advice for clubs, classes, training centres and recreational boaters at:

[rya.org.uk](http://rya.org.uk)

