



## Kielder Water SC

### Casual Sailing – Ground Rules

Please ensure to book your attendance using the online booking system.

**Anyone who is unwell with any new symptoms, however minor, which may be Covid-19, must avoid attending the club. In this situation they must follow government guidance and stay at home for 7 days and then only leave if their temperature has returned to normal.**

**Anyone who has had contact with people, family or household members who are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 must avoid attending the club for a minimum of 14 days.**

**Members who have visited the club and accessed the compound and/or club house are asked to inform the club if they subsequently show any signs or symptoms of Covid-19. In such cases please advise by email to: [memsec@kielderwatersc.org](mailto:memsec@kielderwatersc.org). The anonymity of any individuals reporting a suspected case will be maintained.**

#### **Casual Sailing:**

- Members going afloat do so at their own risk and must be competent to handle the prevailing conditions without assistance. The RYA advises that you should sail in less conditions than you would normally be capable of sailing in. For example, if you can normally manage a force 4 only sail up to force 3.
- There will be no safety boat on the water for most of the time. It is intended that a RIB will be on the water on Sunday's from 16-Aug through to 27-Sept for DIY racing activities.
- Members should arrive dressed for sailing where possible, or discreetly change at their cars.
- Club clothing and buoyancy aids shall not be used.
- Before arriving and/or sailing, ensure to check the weather forecast and make a personal assessment whether the conditions are suitable, even if already changed and ready.
- Ensure to leave a note on your dashboard advising your name, boat, date of arrival and time you left to go sailing. This replaces the need to access the whiteboard inside the club.
- It is recommended that before going afloat members ensure their craft is in good working order. Advice on checks can be found here: <http://clubsailor.co.uk/wp/covid-19-before-resuming-sailing/>

#### **Double Handed Boats:**

- Recent RYA guidance now allows sailing double handed dinghies with members from different households with correct mitigation in place.

This follows the UK Government guidelines from 4th July where social distancing remains at 2 metres unless mitigating measures are used which allows a reduction to 1 metre plus. In a dinghy, these mitigations can include (in addition to being outdoors) 1 metre separation marks on the deck, wearing face coverings, avoiding face to face contact, no shouting, cleaning procedures etc. The risk should be assessed case by case and with the correct mitigation in place. It is the responsibility of the members concerned to decide if they can sail their dinghy whilst maintaining adequate hygiene and social distancing measures when sailing together.

Kielder Water Sailing Club encourages safe sailing but is not responsible for enforcing social distancing measures between members on the water sailing together in the same boat.

The club boats (Hartley 12 and 15) will currently remain, if sailed double handed, to be with members of the same household only.



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#### **Inside the club house:**

- There will be limited access to the club house for use of the disabled toilet only. The route to and from the toilet is marked with barrier tape, please ensure to stay inside this area.
- When accessing the club house ensure to sanitise your hands before and after touching door handles (hand gel is available within the club house).
- When using the toilet ensure to clean it before and after use with the provided disinfectant spray.
- Do not use or access any of the rooms within the clubhouse. This is because we cannot currently make this area Covid secure.
- You must not use either of the galleys or changing rooms.
- The lockers (in the foyer) will not be available for use until further notice.
- Do not congregate in the clubhouse.
- Do not use the club house for getting changed.
- Do not use the shower in the disabled toilet (apart from not being Covid secure, this shower leaks into the clubhouse and has no hot water)
- If these rules are not adhered to; the clubhouse will be closed.

#### **Rigging & Launching**

- If member's boats are adjacent in the dinghy park, they are to take it in turn to remove and relocate to the rigging area
- Members must ensure to maintain social distancing whilst rigging boats, ensure to keep enough space between craft to ensure free and distanced movement.
- Launching trollies/trailers must only be touched by the owner or members of the same household.
- Members should ensure to leave their trolley/trailer so that it does not obstruct the launching of other craft.

#### **Tractor**

- Member's (who are trained) may book to use the tractor via the online attendance system.
- Only 1 person should operate the tractor per day.
- Before and after use the steering wheel, seat and gear stick should be wiped down with an anti-microbial wipe or spray. Members are required to bring their own cleaning products (however spare disinfectant wipes are onsite, located at the stern of the committee boat beneath the cover).
- Members must ensure to read the risk assessment prior to operating the tractor.

#### **Pontoon:**

- The club is currently operating with a shortened pontoon, which is accessible when wearing the correct personal buoyancy.
- Members who access the pontoon during launching and recovery must follow social distancing guidelines.

Enjoy and have fun!