



STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB

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Dear Members,

Re: English unlocking and Hampshire Tier 2 opening

As of Wednesday 2nd December, Hampshire will move from an English Lockdown into Tier 2. We are happy to announce that from the aforementioned date the toilets will be open and from Sunday 6th December racing, the galley, and the bar will be available for members to access. All of these services will operate as before with the following changes to reflect Tier 2 guidelines.

1. Only people from the same household or support bubble can sit together at a table.
2. Drinks can only be purchased with a food order.
3. The 'rule of 6' applies to outdoor social settings.

As always, we will be reviewing our procedures and may make amendments as necessary. Please can you take the following measures when using the sailing club:

- Stay away from the compound and clubhouse if you have any Covid-19 symptoms or feel unwell.
- Follow Government advice at all times.
- Respect all physical distancing and hygiene guidelines.
- Carry out a thorough check of equipment before going afloat.
- Be considerate and conservative.
- Think long and hard before launching to take into account the winter conditions.

RYA Guiding Principles

These are the RYA's guiding principles that will underpin all guidance across the boating community. We would encourage decision makers to use these principles to inform their own decisions during the Covid-19 period.

- 1. We will always follow Government advice**
 - The COVID-19 preventative measures are vital to protecting health and wellbeing and to minimising pressure on frontline services. We all have a role to play by following the Government guidelines. Sailing is highly visible and we do not want our actions to appear to be rule breaking.
- 2. We will, as a boating community, take a considerate and conservative approach**
 - **Considerate:** be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other water users and do not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services. This is a gradual, phased return to sailing.
 - **Conservative:** help to minimise risk by taking an extra conservative approach to your boating. Only sail if there is another club boat sailing within your vicinity who could assist you if required. Take a mobile phone afloat in a waterproof bag with pre dialled numbers of the sailing club office or other shore-based contact.

As the guidelines and subsequent advice change as we move between Tiers and Lockdown, we will react as quickly as possible and advise the membership accordingly.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Best wishes

The Management Committee