**Minima Yacht Club**

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – Covid-19**

**Covid-19 Team**

1. MYC has appointed a Covid-19 team who will liaise with the RYA and advise The Board on the safe return of activities at Minima Yacht Club:

* Paul Bloomfield – Commodore
* Robin Broomfield – Vice Commodore
* Alex Cane – Sailing Secretary
* Jonathan Lake-Thomas – Canoe Class Captain

**Government Guidelines**

2. **Minima Yacht Club Members** **MUST comply with Government Guidelines at all times with respect to numbers of people and social distancing** –

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Guidelines on Phased Return to Sailing Activities**

3. The Government has issued guidance on the phased return of outdoor sports - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation>

4. The RYA provides and updates information for members wishing to return to boating - <https://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/Pages/return-to-boating.aspx>

5. Restricted Social Sailing can resume at Minima Yacht Club to run from the Dinghy Park –

1. Members must be aware of the associated risks to themselves; other members of MYC (especially the more clinically vulnerable) and members of the public and take the necessary precautions to reduce these. See Risk Assessment below.
2. Make sure that numbers involved are in line with Government Guidelines – this includes Canoeists. A WhatsApp group has been set up to communicate activities for Sailors and a Google group for Paddlers.

6. Club Equipment (Kayaks and Sailing Dinghies) are available and will be issued on an individual basis. Club equipment should be disinfected before use.

7. The Clubhouse is NOT open for Social Activities. It is open for maintenance of boats, cleaning and general duties. Check that there are no other members working before you enter and disinfect any areas that are handled inside the club, especially locks and handles which must be disinfected before and after entry and exit.

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR SAILING ACTIVITIES AT MYC - COVID-19**

To be used in addition to the standard MYC Risk Assessment document.

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| **Risk** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Action** |
| Infection of Covid-19 by airborne particles (public or members). | Low | High | * Distancing to be maintained AT ALL TIMES in line with HMG guidelines.
* Use of facemasks to be encouraged especially during launch and recovery where the public have access.
* Check the number of other members going out at the same time by using the email group for Canoeists and WhatsApp group for Sailors.
* If a club member (or family member) feels unwell or shows any symptoms, he should not visit the club, dinghy park or attend any club activities.
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| Infection of Covid-19 through contact. | Low | High | * Use gloves (PPE) for public areas that could be infected i.e. gates, external locks shared resources (i.e. club equipment).
* Disinfect all areas that have been handled, before and after use – using disinfectant wipes. i.e. gates, locks etc
* Wash hands using your own wipes and disinfectant gel that is available mounted on the rear of the dinghy compound gates (proper handwashing facilities are not available in the dinghy park).
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| Infection from contact with other club members’ boats or accessories. | Low | High | * Make sure that you are following HMG guidelines and only going out in family groups or with a maximum of 6 other people. Keep social distancing at all times.
* Where assistance is needed for launching or retrieval, make sure that a rope of at least 2m is used. Wear gloves and disinfect rope and ‘common’ surfaces before and afterwards.
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| Increased risk of drowning or hypothermia through capsizes (due to no patrol boat cover). | Low | High | * Make sure that you (and crew if applicable) are sailing within your capabilities and are self-sufficient. Consider wind strength and water temperature.
* Wear suitable clothing for the conditions and PFD’s at all times.
* Carry a length of rope for boat retrieval.
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