

Dale Yacht Club

COVID Risk Assessment

Annex for Safety Boat and Starting Hut Volunteers

The main Risk Assessment(RA) has been designed to minimise the risk to all involved in Club Dinghy Racing from the virus and all volunteers must confirm that they have read and understood and will comply with the RA.

GENERAL

Only people from one household will form a Safety Boat Crew or a Starting Committee.

In order to reduce the need for the Safety Boat Crews to become closely involved with competitors and their boats on the water, racing will not take place if the windspeed exceeds 15kts and numbers of participants will be limited according to the safety boat cover available.

ON LAND

Disposable gloves and sanitising materials will be kept both in the Starting Hut and the Fuel Bunker. Face masks will be available in the Starting Hut and in the waterproof tubs.

The waterproof tubs containing keys and safety equipment, the fuel bunker keys and radios will be kept in the Starting Hut. These should be sanitised after each handover from one volunteer to another. Safety Boat Crews may prefer to use their own handheld radios if they have them.

The Club Walker Bay dinghy is kept adjacent to the fuel bunker and should be handled only by Safety Boat crew. The risk of infection from the dinghy and the Safety Boat is considered LOW as they are kept in the open and periods between use will be long (a week in the first instance and more than 60 hours in the case that Sunday racing is resumed at a later date). Sanitising of the controls of the Safety Boat and the use of gloves is available if the Safety Boat crew have any concerns. It is important that the fuel tanks and bunker doors and keys are sanitised as other volunteers may refill the tanks at shorter intervals. Sanitising, cleaning and PPE will be provided to Safety Boat drivers and crew.

ON THE WATER

In normal circumstances most dinghy crew right their boats after a capsize and continue without assistance, benefiting only from the reassurance that help is at hand. In the case that assistance is required, the Safety Boat crew should try to maintain Social Distancing by techniques such as lifting the masthead to help right a boat or holding the forestay to help steady the boat. In the case that the dinghy needs to be towed ashore, long floating lines will be provided so that the dinghy crew can catch the tow line without breaking Social Distancing. In the relatively rare cases when sailors need to be brought on board the Safety Boat, rope steps can be made to help the sailor get out of the water and onto the boat and once on board masks are available. (With the engine stopped, the cavitation plate can also be used as a step.)