

HSC - RETURN TO SAILING

Dear Highcliffe SC Member,

Please find below an important message concerning the resumption of sailing and water sports at Highcliffe SC.

Please take the time to read the document/newsletter carefully. The Return To Sailing plan contains a lot of information, and covers each of the steps we need to take TOGETHER to ensure that we can safely go out and enjoy the water once more.

Please note: a link to a downloadable version of this newsletter document can be found on the front page of the HSC website <https://www.highcliffesailing.co.uk> under the Header "Return To Sailing - Special Instructions". Under the same header you will also find a downloadable graph indicating the timeline over which we hope to roll out all activities.

Included in the special instructions is a mention of the recommencement of racing at HSC, please note that a separate mail will be sent to you via webcollect tomorrow to advise on how we intend to restart racing safely.

In the meantime, stay safe and if you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact sailsec@highcliffesailing.co.uk.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - GENERAL

Social Distancing 2 metre Rules (SD2mR)

1.0 General - Following the small / modest relaxation of the Covid 19 rules and guidelines by the Government and in line with RYA advice, the committee has now voted that it is possible to resume some limited sailing activities at HSC albeit with additional rules and instructions. This document sets out a time frame and the additional rules and instructions which will apply to sailing in the harbour. (The harbour excludes the run) Sea racing will remain under review for the foreseeable future.

1.1 Social sailing in the harbour can commence immediately. But SD2mR rules must always be adhered to by members.

1.2 Paddle boarding and windsurfing can commence immediately. But SD2mR must always be adhered to by member.

1.3 Supported harbour sailing to commence on the 21.06.20. supported by Rib / flexihull further dates to be advised.

1.4 Limited harbour racing to commence on the 19.07.20. further dates to be advised.

RULES & SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The rules as laid down within HSC sailing instructions will still apply, where not otherwise amended by instructions below. The HSC sailing instructions can be found on the website.

Social Distancing 2 metre Rules (SD2mR)

The maintenance of SD2mR is a central component of the governments approach to fighting Covid 19 and therefore must always be adhered to during the preparation for on the water activities and during them. Any member showing any recognisable covid 19 symptoms are to return home immediately

Only in circumstances where emergency assistance is being provided does the committee except a justification for breaking these rules. For the avoidance of doubt, emergency assistance is when such assistance is being offered to prevent the loss of life or preventing serious injury. It does not relate to assistance to prevent equipment or boat damage or loss.

PROBLEM AREAS

2.0 Problem areas

The following areas require members to apply forward planning in order to ensure SD2mR are adhered to

2.1 The club house and changing facilities / toilets remain closed, so you will need to arrive ready to sail and plan on leaving in a potentially wet and cold state. The public toilets on the quay are open.

2.2 Launching and landing – You will need to consider if you can launch and land without assistance. If this is not the case you will require a fellow household member to assist you.

2.3 Rigging and de rigging – be mindful on the slips and within the dinghy park of the SD2mR requirements. If these are not possible within the access ways, move your boat to the harbour foreshore for rigging and de rigging. Ensure that your boat is kept a suitable distance from your fellow members boats for SD2mR requirements.

2.4 If you are sailing individually you may go out as you please. However please comply with the sailing instructions and the special instructions above.

2.5 Please take the time to check your boats before launching, after several months of not being used, you need to check that your boat/kayak is still in seaworthy condition, it is imperative that we avoid any potential rescue situations caused through lost rudders, snapped halyards, rusty universal joints or even worse, holes in hulls.

IMPORTANT - Flexihull & RIB

The decision by the Committee to allow sailing and other on water activities is taken against a changing and at times confused and conflicting base (Gov' t, Police, RNLI etc) Therefore these rules / instructions may be amended at any time in line with government guidelines and rules. Members will be notified via mailer/ web site of any such changes.

It is important that as a club we do not add to the load being experienced by the emergency services.

3.0 Usage of Flexihull and RIB 1

The following procedure needs to be followed when launching and retrieving the above to ensure adherence to SD2mR requirements. The support craft will be crewed with a helm only.

FLEXIHULL

The boat to be launched with the use of three persons, which will consist of the helm and 2 assists.

The helm will assume a position at one side of the stern with assist 1 to the other side.

Assist 2 will be at the bow / jockey wheel.

Once the boat is within the water assist 1 will step aside and return trolley to shore.

Assist 2 will hold the boat steady at the bow whilst the helm boards and starts the engine.

When helm is set, assist 2 to cast of and return to shore. Retrieval to be the reverse process.

If additional help is required retrieving this is to be done via a 4-metre rope attached to the trailer with a 2.5 metre

mark indicated from the trailer to ensure SD2mR.

RIB 1

The boat to be launched by 4 persons which will consist of 3 assists and the helm.

The boat will be drawn from the RIB shed with the use of a 10-metre towing rope with 2 metre marking applied to ensure adherence with SD2mR.

Once removed from shed and all pre usage requirement have been completed, Assist 1 will be at the bow / jockey wheel, assists 2 and helm will be amidships to port and starboard, assist 3 will be to the stern.

Once on slipway Assist 3 to step away.

Once in the water assist 2 to step away and return trolley to shore. Assist 1 to hold bow line whilst helm enters and starts engine. When helm is ready assist 1 to cast off.

Retrieval to be the reverse of the above process. If additional help is required retrieving, this is to be done via the marked toe line attached to the trailer.

Ensure that SD2mR is always adhered to.

CLUB HIRE BOATS

4.0 Club hire boats

The club' s boats can be hired under the following instructions.

4.1 Boat hire can only take place at weekends.

4.2 Boat hire period will now be for 2 days (Sat /Sun) priced as for one day' s hire.

4.3 Only members of the same household can you use the boat.

4.4 If the boat is to only be used for one of the two days of the hired weekend. On the spare day, the boat cannot be used by any other member unless of the same household.

4.5 SD2mR to be always adhered to.