



DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

Victoria Class Racing Policy

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The following guidance is provided to ensure the safe use of the club's rowing boat and to provide a basis for a consistent approach to the use of DQSC for Victoria Class Racing.

While West Sussex, currently, has a low incidence of Covid-19. It must be recognised that this virus is still around and can have serious consequences.

Many of those who sail model boats are in an “**at risk**” category. While we would recommend that anyone in the high-risk groups follows government advice relative to them, this document is an assessment as to whether we can resume sailing for the majority while keeping any risk of disease transmission at a nearly zero level while adhering to relevant government recommendations.

Process for mitigating risk during organised model boat sailing are:-

Numbers of Racers

With present government/RYA/Model Boat Association recommendations any organised sailing would therefore need to be restricted to the 10 helms on the balcony and pontoon spaced out with individual markers to indicate position for each racer on the pontoon and table for rigging their boat.

No one with any symptoms or from a household where anyone has symptoms should visit the club

Contamination of surfaces risks

Doors, door handles, keys, locks, tables, key pads, oars, rowing dinghy, chairs, benches and for racing Buoys starting/finishing equipment, result sheets

Preventative action

Nominated person(s) will arrive at the club ½ hr before anyone else, equipped with gloves and disinfectant wipes they will open all doors, collect and wipe any of the above equipment that will be used. Doors will thereafter remain open

Toilet doors will be left open. Though it is hoped wipes, soap etc. will be at club helms are recommended to bring with them any cleaning products they feel might not be available (it is not unknown for things to go missing)

Face to face meeting risks

Entering and leaving the club, positioning on balcony or pontoon, launching and retrieval of boats, passing on the pontoon, rescuing boats, rigging of boats, socialising

Preventative action

A one way system will be used, entering by main doors leaving by back gate

The Lounge/snug will not be used

If possible all boat rigging should be done outside



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If the weather makes this impossible inside tables can be used if spacing recommendations can be followed. If not, the event will be cancelled. (tables will be set out spaced before helms arrival)

Helms will be expected to position themselves on the balcony or course side of the pontoon at recommended spacings and remain there while sailing.

In the event that it is necessary to pass on the pontoon then this should be done swiftly and without face to face contact. The use of common sense and refrain from conversation or face to face contact during these brief intervals then the likelihood of virus transmission should be negligible.

If boats need to be rescued with the rowing dinghy this should be done by a nominated person who will wear gloves when rowing or handling other people's boats.

Any pre or post race socialising will be done outside, and helms will be encouraged to maintain at least recommended distancing .

Helms should provide their own food and drink which should not be shared.

Rules and recommendations will be sent to all boat owners after review of procedures.

Use of Club Room if the Weather is Not Suitable for Rigging Victoria Class Boats Outside

If rigging Victoria class boats due to prevailing weather conditions outside is making damage to the boats a possibility the clubroom may be used the following should be implemented.

Tables should be spread around the clubroom allowing for Social Distancing when walking round each table.

Each Competitor should be allocated a table (they should wipe the table down with a sanitizing/disinfectant before and after use.

Each Competitor should be aware and apply Social Distancing when entering/leaving the clubroom and when transiting the clubroom.

Every member when within the clubhouse should wear a face mask.

Track and Trace

All members attending any of the club facilities should (a legal requirement) record their arrival using the QR code or log book in the foyer.