

## HSC Risk Assessment B – Racing.

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This risk assessment should be seen as a sub section of the main HSC Covid 19 Risk Assessment and as adhering to all Operating Procedures created from that Risk Assessment.

### Definitions & Abbreviations

RO: Race Officer

SC: Safety Crew

DO: Duty Officer

RS: Racing Sailor(s)

SI: Sailing Instructions

SS: Sailing Secretary

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

**Aim:** To enable racing to resume in line with Government Guidance on Social Distancing and the restrictions imposed by their requirements, and to minimise risk of infection and/or contamination either person to person or via equipment used.

**Challenges:** Enable separation between racing craft whilst afloat yet still providing enjoyable, competitive racing; and between racing sailors ashore whilst performing the procedures necessary to facilitate racing. Key areas are identified as:

### Ashore

- Signing on procedure
- Noting the course
- Rigging
- Launching including trolley recovery
- Returning to shore
- Unrigging
- Protest procedure

### Afloat

- Requirement for safety boat assistance
- Mark laying.
- Congestion on the startline and in the start area
- Congestion at mark roundings
- Finishing

## Strategy

To produce a revised set of Sailing Instructions that will invoke the key areas of risk identified in this risk assessment and implement mitigations against them.

In entering any race every sailor commits to fully adhere to both Government Guidance on Social Distancing and the actions required by the Sailing Instructions. Any sailor found not doing so risks disqualification from a race or series of races.

Every racing sailor must accept that in taking part in any racing they do so entirely at their own risk, including the risk of infection. Every racing sailor undertakes to take every precaution to ensure their equipment and clothing is fully fit for purpose, and that they are sailing within their level of competency.

Onshore	Activity	Risk	Mitigation	Action
Pre-race procedures	Signing on	Infection through congestion at sign on sheet.	Remove need to sign on.	RO to take numbers on startline.
	Noting the course	Infection through congestion at course board.	Place several course boards around site.	Unless needed for safety duty SC to act as lead boat.
	Rigging: In accordance with overall risk assessment			
	Launching	Infection through congestion on slipways, beaches.	RS to adhere to social distancing guidelines.	RS to follow Govt. Guidelines on social distancing, to be co-operative and self-police. Breach of this procedure may result in protest RO may allow extra time for those delayed in launching by observing SD.
	Return to shore	Infection through congestion on slipways, beaches.	RS to adhere to social distancing guidelines.	Sailors asked to be considerate and wait until slip/beach clear of previous sailor before coming ashore. Breach of this procedure may result in protest.

		Infection through sailors congregating on shore between races.	Back to back races.	RS asked not to return to shore between races unless necessary for toilet use or equipment failure. RO to ensure prompt start of next race.
	Race management	Infection via contaminated equipment.	Remove soft furnishings from Race Box. Sanitise race timer after use.	Minimise contact with flags – only RO OR ARO to touch flags for duration of day. Sanitise hands before and after use. Provide hand sanitiser plus wipes or disinfectant for cleaning of race timer. Replace soft chairs with plastic chairs which must be wiped clean after use.
		Infection via persons in or around Race Box.	Only RO and ARO may enter Race Box or be in vicinity of Race Box. ARO may assist but must not enter race box unless wearing a mask and both RO and ARO must minimise surfaces touched and clean following use. Minimum 1 metre distance must be maintained. Exception: RO and ARO same household/bubble.	Place signage around Race Box and chain/rope across steps. Ensure sufficient ventilation of Race Box during use. Clinell/viricidal wipes to be made available.
	Protest hearing	Infection via proximity to other sailors.	Except in case of serious damage/injury protest process to be replaced by arbitration.	Only RO or mutually agreed person to be involved in arbitration as well as RS directly involved. Hearing will be held outside observing social distancing guidelines. A4 whiteboards to be provided and sanitised prior to and following use. Sailors to provide own rulebook.
	Displaying results	Infection via proximity to other sailors.	Not display results in one place/ashore	SS/RO to place results on website.
	Congestion from non RS	Infection via proximity to other members.	Provide period for recreational sailing following racing.	Recreational sailors to be encouraged to sail after racing and avoid visiting club in the mornings. Careful explanation needed.

Afloat	Activity	Risk	Mitigation	Action
	Race management from Committee Boat	Infection via persons in or around Committee Boat.	Only RO and ARO may be aboard Committee Boat. Both to wear masks unless able to maintain 2 metre distance or operating outside in which case masks must be worn if operating less than 1 metre apart. Minimise surfaces touched and clean following use. Exception: RO and ARO same household/bubble.	Minimise contact with flags – only RO OR ARO to touch flags for duration of day. Sanitise hands before and after use. Provide hand sanitiser plus wipes or disinfectant for cleaning of race timer.
	Laying the course	Infection via two persons using safety boat.	SC to lay course following instruction from RO. Exception: RO SC same household.	RO will draw course on A5 whiteboard sheet and hand to SC. SC will tape course diagram to safety boat console. Provide whiteboard and tape. Plastic bag in case of rain. RO to use radio in race box or Committee Boat to communicate with SC. Radio to be wiped down/disinfected prior to and following use.
		Infection via contaminated flags, marks, etc.	Race marks not to be touched unless gloves are worn. Flags only to be touched by SC wearing gloves	SC will take care to avoid touching face whilst handling flags and marks, and will use hand sanitiser directly following mark laying. SC will wear gloves which should then be disinfected or disposed of following use.
Requirement for safety boat assistance. In accordance with Safety Cover Risk Assessment Ops.				
	Starting	Infection via close proximity of other craft/sailors.	Space on line.	RO to set a longer line than usual allowing for spacing of boats on line.
	Mark roundings	Infection via close proximity of other sailors.	RRS	RS to be mindful of need to socially distance even when afloat. Self police.
	Finishing	Infection via close proximity of other sailors.	Longer finish line than usual.	RO to set long finish line/use startline.