



HSC Risk Assessment Appendix B – Racing.

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.

1.0 Definitions & Abbreviations

- RO: Race Officer
- SC: Safety Crew
- DO: Duty Officer
- **Participants**: Racing Sailor(s)
- SI: Sailing Instructions
- SS: Sailing Secretary
- RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

Aim: To enable a limited form of 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:

2.0 Ashore

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

- Requirement for safety boat assistance
- Mark laying.
- Congestion on the start line and in the start area
- Congestion at mark roundings
- Finishing
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4.0 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.



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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 start line
	Noting the course	Infection through congestion at course board.	Remove need for course clubhouse board.	Unless needed for safety duty SC to act as lead boat. 3 whiteboard in Race box to be used for course boards, to allow for social distancing
	Rigging: In accordance with overall risk assessment.			
	Launching.	Infection through congestion on slipways, beaches	Participants to adhere to social distancing guidelines	Participants 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. The DO to assist as 'Beach Master' to advise on social distancing
	Return to shore.	Infection through congestion on slipways, beaches.	Participants 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.	Participants asked not to return to shore between races unless necessary for toilet use or equipment failure. RO to ensure prompt start of next race.



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	Race management.	Infection via contaminated equipment.	Do not use flags which cannot easily be disinfected. Remove soft furnishings from Race Box. Minimise use of black box.	Use sound signals only. Provide wipes or disinfectant for cleaning of black box. Replace soft chairs with plastic chairs which can be wiped clean.
		Infection via persons in or around Race Box.	Only RO may enter Race Box or be in vicinity of Race Box. ARO may assist but must not enter race box and must minimise surfaces touched and clean following use. Minimum 1 metre distance must be maintained and masks worn if necessary. 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 Participants 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- participants	Infection via proximity to other members.	Provide period for recreational sailing following racing.	Recreational sailors allowed but to keep away from race participants



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	Race management from Committee Boat	Risk of damage, injury, collision due to necessity to single man	Do not use Committee Boat	All races to be managed from Race Box.
	Laying the course.	Infection via two persons using safety boat.	SC to lay course following instruction from RO. Exception: RO SC same household.	RO to discuss with SC basic course but SC to set once on water and wind direction known. RO to use console radio in race box 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 in between race days to allow quarantine. Exception: marks maybe moved on Wednesday to facilitate weed cutting. Flags only to be touched by SC.	SC will take care to avoid touching face whilst handling flags and marks, and will use hand sanitiser directly following mark laying. Alternative: 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.	R Participants	Participants 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.