



Temporary amendments to the Club's Byelaws and to the Organisation and Management Document 2020 to reflect social distancing

Certain changes are required to the club's rules and to the way it is managed and organised so that appropriate social distancing can be maintained whilst members use the club's facilities.

This document sets out those changes, and the club's Byelaws and Organisation and Management document are amended to the extent necessary to give effect to the following revised arrangements for the period over which social distancing is required to be maintained. These (hopefully) temporary arrangements will be relaxed or strengthened, as appropriate, to keep pace with the changes announced by the Government, and any changes will be posted on the club's website.

Remember, it is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian of each member wishing to use the club facilities or boats (or someone appointed* in loco parentis by the parent or guardian) to remain in attendance at all times, supervise the activities and behaviour of that member on the club premises and, at all times when boats are on the water, ensure that either a safety boat is in attendance and/or adults are available and prepared to enter the water to assist if required. **(*For this temporary period, and for the safety of the wider community, we recommend that parents from the same household as the children, rather than grandparents etc, are responsible for the children whilst on site.)**

Which members can use the club and what sailing can take place?

The following sailing will be permitted:

- 'Free sailing' (ie sailing by members outside of organised club events) , and
- Bronze Fleet, and
- Tera racing

Only Family Members may use the Club's facilities. The use of the Club by Associate Members , and Guests of Members, will be reviewed at a later date.

No Moppy Camps or other (including RYA) training events are planned at this stage.

Optimists, Teras, Moths Scows and the Peanut rowing boats, plus rescue row boats, will be made available for Members to use but each boat should be crewed by members living in the same household.

Bronze Fleet participants may use their own Optimists at the club, subject to the usual rules and insurance requirements.

Free sailing - who can sail and when?

The club will be open dawn to dusk daily.

To be able to sail, each Family Member will need to register to sail at a given time slot, and note their phone number, on a googlesheet. (The phone number will allow you to contact members present at the club at the same time as you should you show symptoms of the virus shortly after visiting the club.)



Members can sign up in advance for one two hour session a week. Should there be any time slots remaining for a particular day, then additional sessions may be booked on the day concerned.

The google sheets will be released weekly on a Sunday evening.

Two groups of up to a maximum of 6 Members (whether from the same household or more than one household) may register for each two hour slot. Each group should adhere to government social distancing guidelines whilst on site. Each group will be allocated one slipway. Start times will be staggered to ease congestion on the shore and around the parking areas. These arrangements should allow the maintenance of the 2 metre separation between households. Each group will have access to one specified toilet, but this is expected to be used only when necessary - as a toilet, not as a changing room etc - and the toilet, sink and surfaces (floor, door handles etc) will need to be cleaned by a member of the relevant household before and immediately after use, and any waste taken home. (Supplies of soap and cleaning product will be provided in the heads – please let the MC know if it runs out.) You should arrive, rig, sail, derig, clean, stow and leave the site within your two hour slot. In the event of congestion, the default would be to circumnavigate (on foot) the club house in a clockwise fashion.

Until social distancing requirements are further relaxed, families are encouraged, where possible, not to bring children on site that are not intending to sail.

What will be the arrangements to allow free sailing at the club?

1. As always, members should conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful to other members, to the club's neighbours and the local community. Activities should be conducted in a way that is seen positively by the public, especially during the period of social distancing.
2. Members should not attend the club if they have shown symptoms of Covid 19 in the previous 7 days (or if a member of their family or a recent contact has shown symptoms in the last 14 days).
3. Members should wash their hands before leaving home, and again after using the club.
4. Members should change at home, where possible.
5. The main part of the club house will be closed to members. (Where members need to be in the water to supervise children they will need to provide their own waders or other suitable clothing.)
6. Combination padlocks or similar will be fitted to permit access to the boats and toilet facilities without needing to enter the club house. Members will be advised separately on the details of this and of any code required for the padlocks. The boats should be locked up after use, and any padlocks must be left with the same combination code.
7. Members must wear sailing gloves where practicable whilst on site.
8. The sailing shed will not be available during this period – if the club boats require attention, please contact the bosun. Sails for two of the Moths will be left in the boats.
9. Club boats should be washed down after use with fresh water, as usual, and should be sprayed with the cleaning product supplied before and after use (more bottles of this can be found in the buoy box).
10. Please avoid touching areas of the club site where not necessary to do so.
11. Whilst on the water, boats and their crews should keep a minimum distance of 2 metres (or a seamanlike distance if greater) away from other boats and crews.
12. Light refreshments (coffee, cold drinks and biscuits etc) may be brought from home for consumption whilst on site, but all litter must be taken home at the end of the two hour session.



13. Members accept that, if there are fewer than 5 in their family group, 2 or more Members (including a parent/guardian) from another household may join their group, subject to a maximum of six in each group and subject to maintaining 2 meter social distancing between members of different households. Relatively new members may find this useful – more experienced members forming part of their group can help with the familiarisation with the club, its rules and its boats. (Members may email Sammy, Salterns Commodore 2020, at salternscommodore2020@gmail.com – it may be that a member of the Junior Committee may be able to help here.)

Bronze Fleet and Tera racing/coaching

The Club may run Bronze Fleet and Tera racing/coaching from time to time. The following further amendments/ arrangements will apply where necessary.

- Members should not attend the club if they have shown symptoms of Covid 19 in the previous 7 days (or if a member of their family or a recent contact has shown symptoms in the last 14 days).
- The time slots reserved for these events will be advertised weekly via facebook/email and pre allocated to these events before the google sheet is released.
- When signing up to participate in these events, Members will be asked to acknowledge and consent in the google sheet to the arrangements in this document and those set out in the 2020 Organisation and Management document (where still relevant).
- Up to 4 Members may sign up for each Bronze Fleet or Tera racing Group. These 4 Members plus the coach/OOD and one parent (“group parent”) will make up one Group of six. The group will be formed once the parents have helped rig and launch their child’s boat.
- At least one parent of each sailor (or a person appointed in loco parentis, expected to be from the same household) will need to remain on site, as they remain responsible for their children. One of these parents will join the group and help assist the coach/OOD. The other three parents will form a separate gathering and will distance themselves from the group once rigged, and any other group or family, for example by locating themselves on the bank behind the kennels to the east of the clubhouse, in the water, or around the pond. If two groups are being run, then the two sets of three parents may form one group of six.
- No more than two Groups (whether free sailing, formal tuition or Bronze Fleet or Tera racing) may attend the club at once.
- As for free sailing, participants will need to arrive, rig, sail, derig, stow and leave the site within the relevant time slot.
- Each group will launch and recover at the relevant numbered slipway. If there is a mix of free sailing and Bronze Fleet/Tera racing, the Bronze Fleet or Tera racing will use one slipway, and the free sailing group will use the other slipway.
- Boats will be sailed singlehanded
- All those on site must remain 2 metres apart from members of other households, except where other risks (injury, drowning etc) outweigh the risks of not maintaining the correct social distancing. In such circumstances, and where possible, lower the risk of infection by adopting side-to-side contact rather than facing someone.
- The Officer of the Day for each group (normally the coach or instructor, but if they are under 18, the parent in the group) will be responsible for the application of these additional rules and may



request families to leave the site if social distancing is likely to be compromised. He or she will brief all participants at the start of the session about the importance of maintaining social distancing.

- Parents will help their own children rig and launch. They will also be responsible for ensuring that the toilets are cleaned if their use is necessary (see arrangements for free sailing above).
- If a child is in distress then the first priority of all those on site will be the safety of that child, regardless of any breach of social distancing that the rescue may entail.
- All breaches of social distancing shall be recorded by the OOD and reported to the President, along with the names of all persons who came into close contact and a brief summary of the circumstances. There shall be no punitive action taken in respect of breaches of social distancing so reported; this is simply to be able to have a record in case of any COVID-19 infection.
- Due to the recommended reduced contact between the coach and sailors and the risks of virus transmission inherent in any rescue, the conditions under which sessions will be cancelled for a given group of sailors will be at a lower wind strength than under normal circumstances.
- Parents should consider the reduced level of contact available when assessing whether the conditions are right for their sailor to go afloat.
- Any briefings / debriefs on land will be conducted maintaining 2 metre social distancing and with groups of 6 or fewer (i.e. sailors, coach and group parent only)
- There will be a lower level of support available to sailors than in the past as the OOD or coach will only make close contact with a sailor / boat if they are in, or likely to end up in distress. (This means if a sailor capsizes, they will be expected to right their boat, bail it out and continue sailing.)
- OODs will be subject to the training set out in the club's 2020 Organisation and Management document, although these briefings may take place via phone or video conference.
- Coaches or instructors taking part in these events will be made Temporary Members for the duration of the event and will complete and submit a temporary membership consent form (in the format used for members and as set out in the 2020 Organisation and Management document) to the Sailing Officer prior to the commencement of the event. This may be provided via electronically or via email (ie without a wet ink signature).

Management Committee
Salterns Sailing Club
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