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Dear Members,

Following the Government's lifting of some of the lockdown restrictions, we are delighted to be starting a phased reopening of Bognor Regis Sailing Club.

However, this is subject to ongoing monitoring to see if the safety of our members can be maintained. We are implementing a workable Framework that will progress through different phases, but at this present time we cannot allow dinghies/catamarans to sail from the Club. This is due to safety reasons; we are trying to limit the number of people visiting the club grounds, rescue cover is not available, the winch is not available for use (no Club equipment is permitted to be used) and very importantly the RNLi still state that they aren't ready for water activity and we do not want to encourage an unnecessary strain or risk to the emergency front line services.

Please be aware that this is an ever changing situation and we are keeping up with the ever changing guidelines. For the Club to be able to sustain Phase 1 and allow you to begin to return to your much loved sport, we are reliant on you taking the guidelines we are following very seriously. If we find that they are not being maintained, we will have no choice other than returning to Phase 0, where all water activities from the Club are completely stopped.

Please remember that we have put these guidelines, Framework and Risk Assessment in place to protect all of you, keep you safe and help to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Please take careful note of the following:

#### GENERAL

1. From Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May the Club will implement phase 1 of the re-opening and be open for access to the water for windsurfers, kayaks & Paddle Boards.
2. The Clubhouse, bar, toilets and changing rooms remain CLOSED. The club grounds are only available for phase 1 water based activities and pre-arranged essential maintenance. The Club grounds are not available for anything other than rigging and preparing for the water activities allowed in Phase 1. Social gatherings or socialising on the grounds are not permitted during Phase 1.
3. Please travel in your sailing kit or be prepared to change discreetly in the car park or boat park.
4. Please bring your own antiviral gel/wipes and use them on any communal surfaces that you come into direct contact with.

#### RIGGING

1. The boat park is open purely for access to kit.
2. Social distancing must be maintained when rigging or preparing equipment for going on the water.
3. Picnic benches will not be available for use.

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## **SAILING**

1. **No organised racing or training at present.**
2. **No rescue boats will be available.**
3. **Sailors make their own decision whether to sail, but the Club recommends to take even more care on preparation, their own ability and ability to self-rescue.**
4. **The Club recommends that windsurfers, kayaks and paddleboards etc stay within sight of the Club at all times and consider taking a mobile phone in a water proof aqua pack or carry a VHF radio.**

## **KEY POINTS**

1. **Please follow Government guidelines and respect 2m social distancing AT ALL TIMES.**
2. **Do not come to BRSC if you feel unwell.**
3. **If you feel unwell whilst at BRSC please go home immediately and follow Government guidelines.**
4. **The Club will not be able to enforce the guidance above and so we rely on all members' judgement and courtesy to ensure that these guidelines work for all.**
5. **It is members' responsibility to keep themselves safe, and they choose to come to BRSC and get on the water at their own risk.**
6. **If Phase 1 cannot be maintained efficiently and safely for all, we will have to return to Phase 0 (club and grounds completely out of bounds, except for essential maintenance).**

This is an evolving situation. We will continue to monitor all Government, RYA, and other related announcements and keep you informed of any changes.

*The Club encourages everyone to be considerate and conservative in their actions around the Club grounds and not put an unnecessary strain on the emergency front line services*

**With best wishes,**

**Your General Committee**