



Avon Sailing Club

Covid-19 Temporary Assisted sailing instructions V3.0

Managing Assisted sailing within the Government and RYA guidelines

Assisted sailing is considered an organised event / activity under the Government guidelines which carries further requirements to that of independent recreational sailing.

The number of boats per session will be limited to 20. Sessions will be held on a Saturday with dates and times advertised on the Club Facebook page.

Multi handed dinghy sailing from different households is allowed. Participants must assess their own risk and follow RYA guidance

<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20%26%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf>

By taking part in a race you agree to follow all temporary arrangements set out in this document and general club Covid-19 guidance.

Signing on to the session & rigging

There is no pre booking. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis on the day. You should advise the Assisted Sailing organiser on arrival of your intention to take part.

Participants can rig in the boat park, by the OD Box or on the lawn in front of the Clubhouse. Participants should space themselves to ensure that 2m social distancing can be maintained from other participants.

Please maintain a clear route to the slipway to avoid others needing to move your boat.

Assisted sailing management

The Assisted sailing will be managed by two experienced sailors.

There will be safety boat cover during the session on the water.

A conservative approach will be taken to suitable sailing conditions which may result in sailing being cancelled. This can often only be judged on site on the day which may result in short notice. Where possible advanced notice will be published via the Club Facebook page.

Use of club boats

Club Toppers can be borrowed by a single crew / household for the whole day. If you wish to reserve one, please respond to the Assisted Sailing organiser via the Facebook event post. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis. These boats are only to be used on a Saturday to allow for 'self-sanitizing' during the week.

Launch & Recovery

Single file on slipway ensuring 2m distance from other participants at all times. Landing on slipway is not allowed until the boat in front is out of the water. When passing on the pontoon please do so back to back.

What you need to do to prepare

Buoyancy aids must be worn on the water.

You must have a minimum 5m painter pre-attached to the front of your boat to enable towing / recovery. (You will not be able to take part in the on-water activity without this)

Please check your boat in advance to ensure it is in good order to reduce the likelihood of needing assistance.

Be conservative in your sailing and maintain a minimum of 2m distancing in the boat park, rigging areas and slipway.