



Avon Sailing Club

Covid-19 Temporary racing instructions V3.0

Managing racing within the Government and RYA guidelines

Racing 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 race will be limited to 20. There will be two races per day at the normal start time of 11:45 and 13:45.

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 race & rigging

Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You should advise the OOD on arrival of your intention to race and they will sign you on.

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.

Race management

The races will be managed by a single Race Officer. The format will be published in a revised sailing programme but is subject to change by the Race Officer on the day.

There will be safety boat cover which may be single manned to reduce risk. To enable this to happen we have implemented risk mitigations included within these temporary measures.

A conservative approach will be taken to suitable race conditions which may result in racing 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 Visions & Lasers can be borrowed and will be allocated by the OOD on a 'first come first served' basis to a single crew for the whole day. These boats are only to be used on a Sunday 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.

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 race 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. Calling for water early to allow time for manoeuvre.