

MARINERS OF BEWL

Covid Operating Guidance and Procedures

from 14th September 2020, Members will need to ensure they only gather in groups of 6 or less and that these groups do not interact with each other.

General

We will always follow Government Advice:

We will take a considerate and conservative approach

- Considerate: be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other water users. Do not place unnecessary extra strain on the emergency services
- Conservative: help to minimise risk by taking an extra conservative approach to your boating. Know your limits and look after yourself and others.

The Health and Safety of our members is our number one priority, it is our individual (making our own informed choices) and collective responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe.

It is the Members decision as to whether they decide to take part in any of our activities and in doing so they assume an element of risk themselves, through the act of taking part.

Please:

Adhere to Social Distancing measures- see poster on HQ.

Sanitise your hands;
after touching common surfaces
after coughing or sneezing

Avoid touching your face, nose and eyes.

Consider the space needed for wheelchair users and users of other mobility aids to socially distance.

Individuals should not gather in groups of more than 6 and these groups should not interact.

Mariners of Bewl have a NHS Covid QR Code re Test and Trace- if you are able to, please scan the code on each visit with your smartphone via the NHS Covid-19 App.

Our 10 Commandments!

In order to reduce the Risk of Virus Transmission MoB members must:

- 1) Not attend the Club if you or a household/support bubble member are displaying any Covid symptoms (cough/temperature/loss of smell or taste)
- 2) Adhere to Social Distancing measures- see poster on HQ.

[Note - Social distancing remains at 2 metres unless you use mitigating measures which will allow a reduction to 1 metre plus. These mitigations can include being outdoors, wearing face coverings (could be a mask/buffer or snood), avoiding face to face contact, having cleaning procedures, and no shouting.]
- 3) Sanitise hands on arrival at MoB HQ, after touching any common surfaces, and before leaving. Hand santiser is available on the deck by the HQ key box.
- 4) Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.
- 5) Not “gather” in groups (includes sitting at tables) of more than 6 from different households whilst attending/participating in any MoB activities and must adhere to social distancing measures throughout. Groups should not interact with each other.
- 6) Adhere to our rule of only one person at a time in each store room/shed when collecting or returning equipment including buoyancy aids/lifejackets.
- 7) Wear gloves when handling equipment/rigging. These are available inside of HQ
- 8) Carry your own face mask. *[Note -Face coverings may protect you and others where social distancing isn't possible, such as in the case of the SI needing to provide assistance when afloat.]*
- 9) Ensure buoyancy aids and lifejackets are cleaned before placing back on their hanger at the end of use. The OOD will advise on correct procedure.
- 10) Be mindful of other water users and negotiate your time and space on the pontoon, in order to adhere to social distancing amongst all users. *[Note- MoB members do not have any priority rights when on the pontoon].*

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Use of Facilities

The hoist will not be available. If you require physical support to get into or out of a boat, this will need to be provided by a member of your household/support bubble.

We recommend that members arrive changed for sailing (as far as physically possible for the journey to Bewl)

Changing rooms should only be used if essential. We would like to remind members that the toilets and changing facilities are not managed or maintained by us, so you use them at your own risk.

Only the OOD on duty to be responsible for opening and closing up HQ.
Only OOD on duty to be responsible for obtaining/cleaning/handing to user and placing back radios.

Rigging, launching and recovery procedures

Gloves to be worn at all times.

Please arrive promptly by 10am, as boats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

No more than 2 people (adhering to social distancing rules) (3 for the Lugger) to be involved in rigging/launching/derigging of each boat.

Launching trollies will be labelled, so that you know which one is for each boat on return to the slip.

Where possible, tow hitches to be used for launch & recovery in order to reduce having too many people being around the boat when on the slip.

Buoyancy Aids and Life Jackets loaned from HQ need to be cleaned after each use by placing BA's into bin filled with Milton mix and LJ's lightly sprayed. (DO NOT dip LJs as they will self inflate!)

Boats and equipment to be placed in quarantine for a period of at least 72 hrs between use to allow time for the virus to die. Boat usage will be recorded in the Log Book. This means that all of our boats will only go out on the water, with the same crew/team, in any one day.

Sailing, including limitations

Sailing limitations:

Maximum wind will be Force 3

The Senior Instructor has the overriding decision regarding who/what boat is sailed. This will be discussed at the start of each session so that everyone is aware as to who will be involved with which boat.

Maximum numbers permitted on board each dinghy when sailing:

Lugger - Competent helm plus 2

Stratos - Competent helm plus 1

Weta - Competent helm plus 1

Hansa - Competent helm alone/solo

Challenger - Competent helm alone/solo

A bucket, sponge and sanitiser spray will be supplied and available for each boat in use.

When sailing in the Lugger, Stratos or Weta – adhere to social distancing and wear gloves. Face coverings can also be worn. Avoid face to face contact and use clear communication to avoid shouting. Sanitise your hands before putting gloves on and after taking them off. Use a whistle to summon assistance on the water and obviate shouting.

SI - On the Water Safety

Single manning of safety boat (although with distance deducted to 1M+, 1 other could now assist)

As our safety boat is supplied by Markerstudy it will be difficult to know when was it last used. Upon first entry to the vessel, SI's to clean all touch points – check and reinforce cleats. A bucket, sponge and sanitiser spray will be supplied.

Safety boat kits must include face masks. If close contact with sailors is required SI to issue sailor with a facemask if not already being carried or worn by the sailor. *Face coverings may protect you and others where social distancing isn't possible – sanitise your hands before putting them on and taking them off*

Maintain hailing distance unless physical support is required
Where possible tow astern rather than alongside. Carry additional long lines.