

OOD Guidelines during Covid-19 conditions, September to December 2020

Objectives of Revised Racing Arrangements:

- **Maintain social distancing**
- **Reduce number of 'contact points' (different people touching the same thing)**
- **Enjoy competitive racing**

The first two points above are obviously to minimise the chance of spreading the covid-19 virus. FOSSC is not aiming or claiming that all risk will be zero – that is not feasible. We are trying to reduce it as far as practically possible, while still allowing racing to go ahead.

Differences to normal, noting that these will change over time as we gain experience of different arrangements, and as government and RYA guidance changes

1. **Although we can use the committee boat, some OODs may prefer to start from the shore.**
2. **No access to club house for**
 - a. course blackboard
 - b. signing on
 - c. getting masking tape and pen to write the course on
 - d. the OOD to input the results to Sailwave (except for Sue and Rhonwen)
3. **Trying to avoid congestion during launching and landing boats** to avoid social distancing problems or boats banging into each other/floating away (when helms will have to move their own launching trolleys out of the way and recover the trolleys themselves when coming ashore)

Arrangements to overcome issues listed above

- a) **If OOD decides not to use the committee boat**
 - i) **The OOD can be shore based** and start the Wednesday Evening and Sunday afternoon races from the main jetty.
 - ii) **The start line options:**
 - (1) Red and white pole on trolley on shore plus normal pin end buoy with striped pole (OOD polices the start to ensure no-one is over early)
 - (2) Red and white pole on trolley on shore plus yellow buoy (OOD polices the start to ensure no-one is over early)
 - (3) Two buoys on the lake, one of which would be the buoy with the striped pole, the other can be a mark of the course or another small mark (rescue crew take a red and white pole and police the start to ensure no-one is over early). You need to ensure it is close to the OOD and trolley so that the sound signals can be heard.

Whichever option is selected, ensure it is marked on the course blackboard.
 - iii) The flag frame can be positioned on the jetty and used as per normal for both starting and finishing races. (Think about which flags to hoist in which positions or you will need long arms to lower flags at the same time as checking for boats over the start line.)
- b) On the back of the pursuit box, the left hand side shows you the flag sequence for class and handicap racing, but not pursuit racing. The sequence is:
 - (1) 4 minutes before the first start, hoist the handicap flag
 - (2) 2 minutes before the first start, hoist the preparatory flag
 - (3) When the race starts, lower the handicap flag
 - (4) When the last boat has started, lower the preparatory flag
 - (5) When the race finishes, raise the preparatory flag.

- c) No access to clubhouse for course board or signing on
 - i) There is **no requirement to sign on**. However, if the helm (or crew) is unknown to the OOD, it is their responsibility to ensure they tell the OOD who they are, otherwise results cannot be awarded to them (and they will be awarded to an 'unknown' competitor). (*Let's hope 'Unknown Competitor doesn't win too many trophies!*)
 - ii) The **course board** will be stored in the boat shed and displayed on the outside of the boat shed – between the roller shutter door and the right hand door.
 - iii) Note that the outside door to the wet bar in the clubhouse can be opened, and up to 6 people can be in the wet bar area. However, to avoid crowding in this area, the above two points are still valid.
- d) No access to clubhouse for the OOD to enter results into Sailwave
 - i) OODs need to ensure the results sheet is completely legible or typed.
 - ii) **OOD will send either a photo of the completed results sheet, or preferably type the results into a results sheet electronically** (to be sent by Rhonwen to the OOD) **and email it to Sue and Rhonwen**
susan.beynon@blueyonder.co.uk and rhonwenbryce@yahoo.co.uk
 - iii) It may take a few days for the results to appear on the website