

Club Statement Re: Covid 19 - Phase 3 (Mon 29th June 2020)

Following the publication of the [Government road map for reopening society and business](#) and Irish sailing's [Return to sailing scheme Phase 3](#)

The committee is releasing the following club statement.

Date: 27th June 2020

The club has installed hand sanitisers and Covid - 19 signage. We would ask all club members to follow the government and Irish sailing advice at all times, in addition adhering to local measures we have introduced whilst on club premises.

The club issued an expression of interest communication to all members on the 20th June for a phased approach to the 1st club racing series to commence on Wednesday 1st July running until Sunday 19th July (6 sessions).

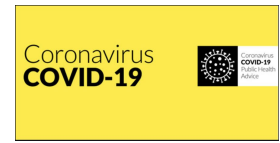
1. Wed 1st July - 19:20 warning signal
2. Sunday 5th July - 14:00 warning signal (2 races)
3. Wed 8th July - 19:20 warning signal
4. Sunday 12th July - 14:00 warning signal (2 races)
5. Wed 15th July - 19:20 warning signal
6. Sunday 19th July - 14:00 warning signal (2 races)

Club duties will be pooled from those members that have expressed their interest in competing in each series and who are qualified, maintaining same household where possible and multi household 'pods', also single manned support boats with suitably experienced holders of the safety boat qualification.

Each race will be risk assessed based on the phase 3 ISA risk assessment template. Additional risks to be considered, will include weather forecasts and an upper wind limit of 15 knots.

Please note: That by attending the club and competing in the series you waive all liability from the club and therefore accept the risk of Covid - 19.

If you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 please stay at home – fever, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, diarrhoea, headache;



Membership forms and Fees

To meet our club insurance and contact tracing obligations, all participants will have had to [fill in the online membership form](#) and paid their membership fees. All boats participating must have the relevant racing insurance.

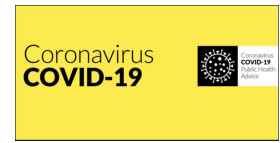
The committee will look and learn from this series and introduce further subsequent phased series with details going forward. To facilitate this and keep contact tracing records, whilst managing numbers and distancing guidelines we will be sending out communications prior to each series to ascertain who will be participating.

Phase Three

- There will be organised club racing at this time on a phased basis.
 - Club house will open with strict social distancing to be observed at all times.
 - Access to the kitchen / bar area will be restricted to designated members.
 - Changing rooms open, with strict social distancing to be observed at all times, an in/out flow through the changing rooms will be in operation and members asked to be as quick as possible in getting changed.
 - **Showers will not be available.**
 - Toilets available with strict social distancing to be observed at all times.
 - Single handed sailors in own boats and observing social distancing with any other members present at the same time;
 - Multi-crew boats crew from same household or multi household 'pods' (maintaining regular crew as much as possible) using own boat and observing social distancing with any other members present at the same time.
 - Club boats will be available for use at club committees discretion and risk assessed including sailors ability/experience.
 - **Club Safety Boats will be available for organised club racing only.**

Unorganised and unsupervised sailing from the club

- Members with boats in the club pen will have access to their boats, and may decide to go afloat at their own risk. Please consider the following;
 - When changing into and out of sailing gear in and around the club grounds, please remember there are other sailors and members of the public, including children about.



- They will be responsible for own safety on the water – will need to consider own ability, weather conditions and make provision for self-rescue, suggest you take mobile phone and let people know;
- Single handed sailors in own boats and observing social distancing with any other members present at the same time;
- Multi-crew boats crew from same household or multi household ‘pods’ (maintaining regular crew as much as possible) using own boat and observing social distancing with any other members present at the same time.
- Hands must be disinfected with sanitiser before and after opening and closing gates to outer and inner pen;
- The outer gate and boat pen gates must be locked when out on the water.
- Please ensure full compliance with [Government](#) and [ISA](#) guidance;
- All personal waste must be taken home for disposal;
- Social distancing to be observed at all times – including on the rigging green and slipway;
- **To facilitate contact traceability, entrants to the club pen are requested to let the committee know via club email info@swordssailing.ie with dates and times please.**
- **If you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 please stay at home – fever, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, diarrhoea, headache;**

[Coast Guard thanks public for cooperation and urges caution when engaging in leisure activities](#) - Published: 16 May 2020 Updated: 26th May 2020

If anything changes substantially from the government and Irish Sailing, then the committee will further review the situation prior to Phase 4 on the 20th July and release a further club statement covering Phase 4.

Note: The club pen if unattended must not be left unlocked.

Thank you all for your understanding.

The Committee

Swords Sailing & Boating Club



COVID-19
Return to Sailing Risk Assessment Sheet
for Activity Organisers

PHASE 3

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| Venue: | Date: |
| Activity: | |

| Location | Low | Medium | High | Control Measures |
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Shore Facilities

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| Briefing Room | 2m+ space pp | N/A | <2m space pp | |
| Changing Room | 2m+ space pp | N/A | <2m space pp | |
| Boat Park | 2m+ space pp | 1 – 2m space pp | <1m space pp | |

Water Access

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|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Launch Area | 2m+ space pp | 1m+ space pp | <1m space pp | |
| Pontoon Access | Private or public 2m+ space pp | Private or Public 1 - 2m space pp | Private or Public <1m Space pp | |
| Mooring Access | Club Launch 2m+ space pp | Club Launch 1 – 2m space pp | Club Launch <1m space pp | |

Participants

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Group | 1- 50 | 50 – 200 | 200+ | |
| Group Profile | Same Household | Mixed Household operating in pods | Mixed Household mixed groups no control measures | |
| Ability | Experienced or improver | Beginner | N/A | |
| Special Needs | No physical assistance required | Physical assistance required | Additional underlying health risks | |

Activity

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|--------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Dinghy sailing | Single hander or multi hander same household | Mixed H'sehold "Pod" Crew | Mixed H'sehold varying crew | |
| Keelboat / Cruiser | Same Household | Mixed H'sehold "Pod" Crew | Mixed H'sehold varying crew | |
| Powerboating | Single Crew or Same Household | Mixed H'sehold "Pod" Crew | Mixed H'sehold varying crew | |
| Windsurfing | Improver | Beginner | N/A | |
| Training | Improver | Beginner | N/A | |
| Coaching | Improver | Beginner | N/A | |
| Racing | Single hander or multi hander same household | Mixed H'sehold "Pod" Crew | Mixed H'sehold varying crew | |
| Equipment | Personal | Daily allocation | Shared | |
| Safety Cover | Same Household | Mixed H'sehold "Pod" Crew | Mixed H'sehold varying crew | |

| | Yes | No |
|-----------------------|---|----|
| Final Decision | | |
| All | Safe with normal COVID-19 protocols observed | |
| Max 4 | Safe with specified enhanced measures | |
| Any | Only safe with very specific control measures implemented | |