

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS FROM THE COMODORE

Dear members,

It is with great regret that following a detailed conversation with the sailing committee, and a management committee meeting, we have decided to close the club from 21.00 on Friday 20th March until 1st May in the first instance.

The closure will include the bar, bistro and the shower block. The club sailing programme will be cancelled until at least 1st May, with details on all sailing events attached to this email. This is obviously a decision that has not been taken lightly, but in line with government guidance and our duty of care to our members, it was unanimously agreed by all the management committee attending the meeting on the 19th March that this was the best option available.

All club functions will be postponed indefinitely, including the AGM, which would normally be in April. A new date will be set in due course but in the meantime, the accounts will be circulated together with a proposal for the ongoing management of the club.

We will of course, review the situation regularly, keeping you all informed, whilst continuing to be guided by government guidelines.

Let's all look forward to and end to these difficult times and a resumption of our normal club activities.

Keep well,

Regards,

Martyn

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS FROM SAILING COMMITTEE

While this is an evolving situation, the Sailing Committee will continue to review the situation but, for the foreseeable notice, the following restrictions will apply:

Club Facilities

Whilst the Clubhouse Bar and Bistro remain closed, the Changing Rooms will also remain closed. However, access to stored dinghies and launching will remain i.e. the Club Slip and the Patch will remain open.

Sailing Programme

We have been keeping a close eye on how other yacht clubs have been reacting to the guidance through the RYA and PPSA affiliated clubs. The majority have shut and cancelled their sailing programme for the foreseeable future. As a consequence, we are also taking the exceptional step of cancelling the sailing programme until the 1 May and our 'open' events to mid June, namely the 3 Creeks Yacht Race, RNLi Passage Race and the most likely the Trebeurden Race. All those who have paid for entering the published programme of events will have their fees reimbursed, and entries will not be accepted until events are confirmed to take place.

As this international crisis unfolds, the Management Committee and Sailing Committee intend keeping the situation under constant review as we are very aware of the therapeutic value of getting on the water. Therefore, we intend delaying any decision on cancelling races programmed after 1 May. While this allows some hope for Club organised activity, we have a duty of care to meet and we are very aware that we must continue to ensure robust safety cover in line with our Risk Assessments, Crisis Management Plans and Insurance cover. Additionally, we must act responsibly and not further burden the emergency services in the event of an incident on the water.

We hope you all understand the approach we have taken and we all look forward to normal services being resumed!

Ian Kennedy
Rear Commodore Sail