



# **Covid-19 Update for Radio and Free Sailing in the UK 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

## **Introduction**

The UK is transitioning from full COVID-19 virus lockdown. The governments of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales have individual road maps with different timings and different prevailing regulations. As a consequence, there is not a “*one size fits all*” set of UK-wide guidelines that the RYA and hence the MYA can provide to its members.

This document is designed to provide clubs and individuals access to resources where up to date government advice for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales can be found. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each club and each individual to ensure they comply with the prevailing laws and regulations that apply to them. In addition, to these, clubs and individuals may also be required to observe rules applied by water authorities, landlords, etc.

Therefore, it is incumbent on each club and individual member to:

- Assess their own circumstances to reach a decision whether to return to sailing under the existing laws and regulations where they reside and sail

and in doing so:

- What measures they will need to have in place that are consistent with the existing laws and regulations where they reside and sail?

To help and support these decisions, country RYA organisations are liaising with each UK government to provide advice supporting resumption of sailing activities. As part of that liaison, the MYA is currently working with RYA England to construct the “*MYA Plan for the Resumption of Competitive Radio and Free Sailing.*” Due to the evolving nature of the different road maps in the different countries, the following status information is a “current snapshot” as of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and the specific details will evolve as prevailing circumstances dictate.

The different government road maps in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales describe their regulations and timing as we transition out of full COVID-19 lockdown. In addition, the RYA in each country also tries to interpret the prevailing government regulations although their advice is more tailored to activities associated with club houses, big boats and dinghy sailing.

Clubs and members need to be aware that if there is an instance where there is an insurance claim against the club due to someone contracting Covid-19 through the decision of the club to reintroduce sailing and any part of that process is deemed to be outside of the government law/regulations, then the MYA third party insurance policy may be invalid. Further if the claim is made against the club committee then they need to be aware that there is no indemnity cover for the directors/committee as it is the responsibility of each club as a separate legal entity to make its own specific provision for that specific area of cover



## Current status - 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Below are links to the relevant resources for both government and RYA in each of the countries of the UK. The information is updated as and when government regulations change although the RYA interpretation may lag by several days.

### England

England government COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

RYA England COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

Guiding principles - key controls to observe:

- Stay at least 1+ metres apart from people from other households at all times. If less than 2m apart, face coverings should be used or avoid face-to face contact.
- Gather in groups of no more than 6 people, until MYA specific sport guidance has been finalised and approved by RYA. Some clubs may be able to operate with two independent groups of 6 sailing at the same time, but must be well separated (be visible sailing as two groups as say on either side of a body of water).
- For those classed as clinically vulnerable - be diligent about social distancing and respiratory hygiene

### Scotland

Scottish government COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

RYA Scotland COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

Guiding principles - key controls to observe (25<sup>th</sup> July 2020):

- Stay at least 2 metres apart from people from other households at all times.
- Maximum of five households in total each day (whether indoors and/or outdoors). Within those 5 households, maximum of 15 people.
- Shielding: separate advice is available via the Scottish government COVID-19 website

### Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland government COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

RYA Northern Ireland COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

Guiding principles - key controls to observe (25<sup>th</sup> July 2020):

- Stay at least 2 metres apart from people from other households at all times.
- Groups of up to 30 people who do not share a household can meet outdoors, maintaining social distancing.
- Shielding: separate advice is available via the Northern Ireland government COVID-19 website



## Wales

Welsh government COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

RYA Wales COVID-19 advice: [click here](#)

Guiding principles - key controls to observe:

- Stay at least 2 metres apart from people from other households at all times.
- Organised Outdoor club activities with up to 30 people. The organising club must have undertaken an appropriate risk assessment