

RULES FOR RACING AT SADDLEBOW

The RYA guidance (6th July) is that we can run racing for groups of up to 6 competitors and have multiple groups on the water up to a total of 30. This effectively means that all club members can sail if they so wish, with the proviso that 2 person dinghies must be sailed by members of the same household.

We plan to have safety boat cover for all races.

1. As a courtesy and to help with planning, please email Sue (hon.sailingsec@oasc.co.uk) to inform her of your intention to sail, preferably no later than 08.30 on the day (16.00 for Wednesday sailing) . This will give us a chance to plan the groups etc. If you do turn up unannounced, we will make every effort for you to be included in the racing but you need to be rigged in plenty of time so you can be told what start you are in.
2. We may ask groups of boats to be rigged in certain areas of the site to assist with social distancing.
3. There will be a separate start for each group. The start signal for the 1st start being the 5 minute signal for the 2nd start and so on. A general recall for the 1st start will mean their start cycle begins at the start signal for the 2nd start.
4. The order of the planned group starts will be the same for both races (if you start first in the first race you start first in the second as well). The groupings will be advised by the RO either on a whiteboard outside the clubhouse or in person. Faster PY dinghies will normally start in the first group.
5. All groups starting are in the same race. Once all groups have started, race signals (shorten course etc.) will apply to all groups.
6. Club boats may be used for racing (£3 per dinghy), but 2 person dinghies must be sailed by people from the same household or 'support bubble' (see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household> for more information)
7. Wear sailing gloves if you have them.
8. Bring a short piece of rope with you that you can use to loop round the handles of other people's launching trollies in case you need to move their trolley off the ramp to launch your dinghy.
9. Whilst safety cover is being provided this may be limited to a single operator, please apply sensible limits to your sailing and always err on the side of caution when deciding whether to sail or not.
10. If the wind is too strong the RO may cancel the racing – their decision is final.
11. This is not a free for all; social distancing must be maintained between sailors and groups. The whole aim of these guidelines is to help stop you from becoming ill. Maintain 2 metre (or the new 1 metre plus) distancing at all times ashore and afloat.
12. The changing rooms remain closed, so turn up in your kit or get changed in your car – please preserve your modesty whilst doing so.
13. The toilets will be open but only 1 person in the corridor at any one time. There is hand soap in the toilets but no towels.
14. Only 1 person in the sail container at any one time.
15. Bring your own hand sanitiser and use it if you touch anything not belonging to you. We will try to provide hand sanitiser but this cannot be guaranteed.
16. Whilst spectators and non-sailors may come down (they will be included in the maximum limit of 30 people) we do want to keep this to a minimum if possible.
17. The kitchen is not open (under review), so you need to bring your own refreshments if you want any.
18. Results will be emailed to competitors after the racing and put on the website (at some point).
19. Please ensure you bring and use your common sense as well as your sense of humour.
20. By taking part it will be deemed that you agree to abide by these rules.
21. Have a great sail!

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