



## MINIMA YACHT CLUB – STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES COVID-19

1. **Minima Yacht Club Members MUST comply with Government Guidelines and Restrictions at all times.**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021>
2. The RYA provides information for clubs and members –  
<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/Covid%20FAQs%20in%20England%20from%205%20Jan%202021.pdf>
3. Step 1: from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Organised activities for paddlers and sailors can resume at Minima Yacht Club within the current guidelines. All activities will run from the Dinghy Park:
  - a) Members must be aware of Covid-19 risks to themselves; other members of MYC (especially the more clinically vulnerable) and members of the public. ALL members MUST take the necessary precautions to reduce these risks. See Risk Assessment below.
  - b) Information is available on the MYC website. A WhatsApp group has been set up to communicate activities for Sailors and the Google Group for Paddlers.
4. Club Equipment (Kayaks and Sailing Dinghies) are available and will be issued on an individual basis. All club equipment should be disinfected before and after use.
5. The Clubhouse will remain closed apart from emergencies, essential maintenance and by Race Officers and Bosuns.
6. Step 2: from 12<sup>th</sup> April - Outdoor Bar (Balcony), Changing rooms and Launch Service will be open in a limited way. Members must follow the guidelines that will be posted around the Clubhouse regarding social distancing, limiting of numbers etc. Members are encouraged to keep numbers using the club facilities to a minimum and use the dinghy park where possible.

### RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ACTIVITIES AT MYC

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Action
Infection of Covid-19 by airborne particles (public or members).	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a club or family member feels unwell or shows any symptoms, they should not visit The Club, Dinghy Park or attend any club activities.</li> <li>• Social Distancing must be maintained AT ALL TIMES in line with HMG guidelines (at least 2m).</li> <li>• Use of facemasks to be encouraged in the dinghy park and especially during launch and recovery in public areas.</li> <li>• Avoid large numbers of dinghy's and kayaks launching from the landing stage. ALL vessels should be prepared and ready to launch so that this can be done quickly. If more time is required for preparation, go to another area i.e. Beverley Landing Stage.</li> </ul>
Infection of Covid-19 through contact.	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disinfect all areas that have been handled i.e. gates, locks etc</li> <li>• Wash hands using disinfectant gel that is available mounted on the rear of the dinghy compound gates (proper handwashing facilities are not available in the dinghy park).</li> <li>• Gloves (PPE) can be worn where there is a risk of contamination.</li> </ul>
Infection from contact with other club members' boats or accessories.	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that you are following HMG guidelines and only going out in family groups or with a maximum of 6 other people. Keep social distancing at all times.</li> <li>• Where assistance is needed for launching or retrieval, make sure that a rope of at least 2m is used. It is advisable to wear gloves and disinfect rope and 'common' surfaces before and afterwards.</li> </ul>
Risk of Infection for Duty Officers, Race Officers or Bosuns.	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain social distancing and if this is not possible wear face masks and try not to work facing. Keep areas well ventilated. Wash hands regularly and use disinfectant gel that is available in the Club House.</li> <li>• To minimise the risk of infection for Bosuns the launch is available primarily for 'on water support' and for transporting equipment to and from</li> </ul>

			<p>the dinghy park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When members are using the launch they should maintain social distancing and wear face masks at all times. (maximum of 4 x passengers).</li> <li>• The Bosun will handle lines for tying up.</li> <li>• In the event of Bosun assistance on the water, where social distancing cannot be maintained, the Bosun should wear PPE i.e. facemask and gloves where possible.</li> </ul>
Increased risk of accident, drowning or hypothermia through capsizes (due to Covid restrictions on patrol boat cover).	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that you (and crew if applicable) are sailing within your capabilities and are self-sufficient. Consider wind strength and water temperature.</li> <li>• Wear suitable clothing for the conditions and PFD's at all times.</li> <li>• Make sure that your craft (dinghies and kayaks) are properly maintained and meet the club requirements regarding buoyancy and safety.</li> <li>• For recreational activity, try to 'buddy' for safety - check the email group for Canoeists and WhatsApp group for Sailors.</li> </ul>
Infection while using the bar and clubhouse.	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members must maintain social distancing.</li> <li>• Face coverings must be worn in the clubhouse and changing rooms at all times except when members are seated outside.</li> <li>• The Social Secretary will issue further guidance on numbers, bar service etc</li> </ul>
Infection while using the changing rooms.	Low	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Distancing must be maintained at all times.</li> <li>• Maintain good air flow using extractor fans and open doors where possible.</li> <li>• Disinfect Areas after use.</li> </ul>



# COVID-19. A roadmap for the return to boating activity in England

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This table should be used in conjunction with our FAQ document which is available at this link: <http://rya.org/bqEA50DNz1A>

	STEP 1	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
<b>Starting date</b>	8th March	29th March	No earlier than 12th April	No earlier than 17th May	No earlier than 21 June
<b>Activity organised by an RYA affiliated club/class assoc.</b>	Activity for schools or disabled people	Boating activity permitted	Boating activity permitted	Boating activity permitted	
		Mixed household guidance for sailing and racing applies	Mixed household guidance for sailing and racing applies	Mixed household guidance for sailing and racing applies	Mixed household guidance no longer applies
<b>Activity not organised by an RYA affiliated club/class assoc.</b>	Exercise or recreation with one other person from another household is permitted outdoors	Rule of 6 or 2 households outdoors	Rule of 6 or 2 households outdoors	Rule of 6 or 2 households indoors. Maximum of 30 people outdoors	No legal limits
<b>Shore-side club activity (inc spectators)</b>		Rule of 6 or 2 households outdoors	Rule of 6 or 2 households outdoors	Rule of 6 or 2 households indoors. Maximum of 30 people outdoors	No legal limits
<b>Sailing events</b>	Not permitted	Permitted. Participation may be impacted by travel rules	Permitted. Participation may be impacted by travel rules	All national open events permitted	All national open events permitted
<b>Outdoor facilities</b>	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open
<b>Publicly accessible slipways</b>	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
<b>Changing rooms</b>	Closed	Changing rooms closed but indoor toilets may open	Changing rooms permitted to open	Open	Open
<b>Hospitality</b>	Closed	Closed	Outdoors rule of 6 or 2 households	Indoor hospitality permitted (rule of 6 or 2 households). Outdoor hospitality (max 30)	Fully open
			Take away service permitted		
<b>Travel</b>	Stay at Home	Minimise travel	Minimise travel	International travel subject to review	International travel permitted
<b>Overnight Stays</b>	No overnight stays	No overnight stays	Domestic overnight stays permitted (household only).	All domestic overnight stays permitted.	Unrestricted
			Self-contained accommodation only	Hotels and B&Bs open	

For further advice please contact:  
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Please refer to the link below for guidance on the resumption of RYA Training activity:  
<https://www.rya.org.uk/training-support/Pages/covid-19-return-to-boating-guidance.aspx>