**TBSC UNSUPPORTED SAILING DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

**The Club remains closed outside of managed sailing – see our programme for details**. This includes access to, and use of, the changing rooms, toilets, clubroom, club boats, club equipment, winch, Power Boat support, tower and balcony. Actions for TBSC sailing members who wish to sail outside of the formal programme are as follows.

1. Always ensure you are observing the current [government guidelines](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?gclid=CjwKCAjw5Ij2BRBdEiwA0Frc9SKGkePfOdi-TJmaPwcA4VA8jE57axUZEZ5kcqEk1qo8rx6jDTaw9RoC9GkQAvD_BwE) on controlling the Covid-19 virus.
2. You should only sail on your boat on your own, with members of your household or with people from mixed households where you are both happy that you are compliant with RYA non household sailing guidance. We do encourage you sail with other boats for safety and security purposes – but please maintain Hands – Face – Space guidance wherever possible.
3. **Prior to sailing check**: -
   1. **Weather and sea conditions** – check these online before you sail. Remember NE and N winds can produce heavy onshore breakers that can make launching and recovery difficult. Ensure you have adequate sailing competence for the conditions forecast – above a Force 4 (16kts) this generally means only competent and experienced helms and crews should sail
   2. **Tide times** – ensure you have sufficient tide to launch and/or recover your boat – see our website for tide times. As a guide – 3hrs either side of high is usually more than sufficient.
   3. **Your accessories** – take sun block, waterproof watch, compass, multi tool and drinking water
   4. **Plan your sail** – let someone knows of your plans and when you plan to return. We recommend that you sail only in the vicinity of Tankerton Bay unless on a planned cruise with others.
   5. **You have a means of contact –** take a phone in a waterproof container or a VHF radio
   6. **Boat / equipment** – check boat, rigging and personal gear. Take bailer, paddle and spare rope
   7. **Rigging, launching, recovery and derigging –** ensure you are capable either on your own or with members or your household to complete all the above.
   8. **Clothing** – ***change on the beach, at home or in your car***. Always wear buoyancy aids and wet or dry suit with splash jacket, gloves and hat if required. Be prepared for changing conditions.
4. **At the club:** -
   1. Keys for the sail locker, crypt and sundeck locker are kept in the coded key safe. During sailing always shut or lock the sail locker, crypt and sundeck locker.
   2. Minimise the numbers who access the sail locker, crypt and sundeck locker areas at the same time. Minimise the areas your touch. Limit your time inside.
   3. Take note of the Covid-19 notices and use the hand sanitisers provided.
   4. Rig/derig your boat on the bank or beach (minimise your time on the promenade)
   5. Launch and recover your boat from the beach of possible - the easiest time to recovery your boat is at high tide or near high tide – so plan to return at these times if possible.
   6. If your plans change at any stage, please confirm this with your onshore contact
   7. Encourage other members to follow these guidelines
   8. **If in trouble whilst sailing** – if you cannot make the nearest shore, stay with the boat and drop the sails and make contact with shore via your phone or VHF.
   9. **Know your limitations** – Be responsible, know your limits – **IF IN DOUBT, DON’T GO OUT**

**Stay Alert and Be safe** – use these guidelines to help make your sailing a safer experience for both you, your family, our membership and the public.

**Finally, if you do go sailing, stay alert, safe and please enjoy it!**