



Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

TBSC UNSUPPORTED SAILING DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

The Club House remains closed outside of managed sailing – see sailing programme issue 2 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](#) on controlling the Covid-19 virus.
2. You should only sail on your boat on your own, with members of your household, people who you have formed a 'social bubble' with. If you wish to sail with people not from your household please refer to the separate TBSC guidance note on this. We do encourage you to sail with other boats for safety and security purposes – but please maintain 2m social distancing wherever possible.
3. **Prior to sailing check:** -
 - a. **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. We recommend you don't sail if the forecast is above a force 4 (16Kts)
 - b. **Tide times** – ensure you have sufficient tide to launch and/or recover your boat – see our website for tide times. As a guide – 2.5hrs either side of high is usually more than sufficient.
 - c. **Your accessories** – take sun block, waterproof watch, compass, multi tool and drinking water
 - d. **Plan your sail** – let someone know of your plans and when you plan to return. We recommend you sail only locally to 4ankerton Bay unless on a planned cruise with others.
 - e. **You have a means of contact** – take a phone in a waterproof container or a VHF radio
 - f. **Boat / equipment** – check boat, rigging and personal gear. Take bailer, paddle and spare rope
 - g. **Rigging, launching, recovery and derigging** – ensure you are capable either on your own or with members or your household to complete all the above.
 - h. **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:** -
 - a. 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.
 - b. Only access the sail locker, crypt and sundeck locker areas one at a time. Minimise the areas your touch. Limit your time inside. Do not enter if others are already there. Please don't congregate around your boats, the club or ramp before or after sailing.
 - c. Take note of the Covid-19 notices and use the hand sanitisers provided.
 - d. Rig/derig your boat on the bank or beach (minimise your time on the promenade)
 - e. Launch and recover your boat from the beach if 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.
 - f. Avoid coming alongside other boats unless in an emergency
 - g. If your plans change at any stage, please confirm this with your onshore contact
 - h. Encourage other members to follow these guidelines
 - i. **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.
 - j. **Know your limitations** – Be responsible, know your limits – **IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT**

Stay Alert and Be safe – During these extraordinary please use these guidelines to help make your sailing a safer experience for both you, your family, our membership and the public. For further details, see the detailed TBSC Risk Assessment. Available from the committee by request.

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