

## ROYAL NORTH OF IRELAND YACHT CLUB

### MEMBERS ACCESS TO VESSELS CURRENTLY STORED ON CLUB PREMISES

In response to the N.I. Government announcement on Monday 18 May the Club is now in a position to allow limited access to external Club premises. This will begin at 10.00hrs on Friday 22 May. The Committee has agreed the following protocol for the limited reopening and safe use of the Club's yards to permit members to undertake essential maintenance on vessels which are currently stored on Club premises. The Club and its members remain bound by whatever government guidelines are in place and Club members are expected to comply with the guidelines of our governing body the RYA and RYA(NI). We note that Government has not yet provided specific guidance regarding participating in water-sport. We must all ensure that our actions do not put at risk the health and safety of others, accordingly, members must be aware that this and any subsequent protocol, may be subject to change at any time.

1. Members may now access the yards to work on their stored boat subject always to having due regard for health and safety and strict observance of hygiene and social distancing measures. The Committee does not wish to impose a numerical limit on the number of people in the yards at any time but if, on arrival, it seems that it would be difficult to comply with social distancing requirements, members should leave and return at another time. Club members, or members of a household which includes someone with symptoms of COVID-19 must stay away from the Club for a minimum of 14 days. Members who develop COVID-19 symptoms within 7 days of using the yard should inform the Club Manager by email.
2. To enable the Club to comply with current 'contact and trace' regulations, and for the protection of their own health, members must inform the Club manager of the dates and times they will be on Club premises. This should be done before attendance, preferably by email.
3. The yard gates will be unlocked / opened at 10.00am and closed / locked at 6.00 pm daily, by volunteers. The spar-shed shutter door will be unlocked and locked at similar times but, in order to maintain a reasonable level of security, it should be opened by yard users only when access is required. It can easily be opened and closed using a 'no touch' technique. Members should be aware that the access keys in the secure key holders have been removed.
4. Members must bring and use their own PPE; minimum PPE is considered to be gloves and personal hand sanitiser.
5. Numbers are restricted to a maximum of 2 people working together on a vessel.
6. Members should bring and use their own tools, equipment, and materials and should not borrow or share these items with other members. This includes any hoses or electricity cables they require. Electrical power is available in the West yard adjacent to the spar-shed door and on the West gable wall of the Clubhouse near the dining room doors.

7. The Club hoses have been adapted to have a 'Hoselock' fitting on both ends. If you wish to use mains water you are advised to bring a short length of hose with a male 'Hoselock' fitting on one end which you can then handle safely. [Please ensure that the fittings supplied are left for benefit of the next user.]
8. The hoists or crane may not be used.
9. Members must sanitise their hands immediately before and after touching shared facilities such as taps and electricity supply sockets.
10. Members should only use their own ladders to access their boats and should securely store them when leaving, either in the spar-shed or securely locked to their boat/trolley.
11. Waste bins are not available in the yards. Members should remove their own litter / waste and dispose of it appropriately and safely.
12. Members must not gather in socially distanced groups of more than 6 persons on Club premises.
13. The Clubhouse will remain closed for the time-being.
14. The Workman Shed is closed and off-limits for any use whatsoever.
15. No additional vessels should be brought to the Club premises for storage or maintenance.
16. Tradespersons: Members may engage appropriately insured tradespersons to work on their boat and must inform them of the requirement to observe strict health and safety, hygiene, and social distancing measures. Members must inform the Club Manager in advance when a tradesperson is due to attend and must personally arrange for access for the tradesperson to their boat.
17. The effectiveness of, and adherence to, this protocol will be monitored by Committee members and the Club Manager from time to time. Failure to comply may result in the withdrawal of these facilities.

This protocol will be subject to change and will be reissued when updated.

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