

# Tideway Sailability

## Covid-19 Supplementary Operating Procedures

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1. *Rev 1.1: April 2021 removal of boat allocation, simplification of boat sanitisation, removal of booking.*

### Introduction

2. These supplementary procedures set out the measures additional to the Tideway Normal Operating Procedures (NOP), to be taken by Tideway Sailability during the Covid-19 outbreak.
3. If there is any contradiction between the NOP and these measures, these measures will apply.

### Aim

4. These procedures aim to allow Tideway to operate while reducing the risk of airborne and handling infection by Covid-19.
5. The focus of the measures is to permit some sailing activity while maintaining social distancing and applying hygiene measures to boats and personal equipment.

### Exclusions

6. These measures do not at present permit hoisting of sailors, assisted sailing or group sailing.
7. There will be no access to Tideway tea or coffee making facilities, fridges or microwaves.
8. There will be no access to security lockers. Lockers may be available in the watersports centre.
9. We will lift these exclusions when we have identified Covid-secure methods of making alternative provision.

### Use of masks and PPE

10. These measures are designed to be compliant with Government guidelines without requiring continuous use of masks, PPE and other measures ie they principally rely on distancing and hygiene. Tideway will keep two aspects under review:
  - Whether additional use of masks etc would further reduce risks to a material extent, given the nature and context of the activities covered by this procedure
  - Whether use of masks and other measures would permit other activities eg hoisting.
11. All sailors and volunteers are encouraged to keep masks with them for use in case additional assistance is required.

### Responsibilities

12. The responsibilities of the OOD, for the overall safe operation of the sessions, and the safety boat driver for supervising safe on-water activity, are unchanged. Additional caution should be

applied when assessing conditions and on water safety in the light of the practical constraints such as for social distancing. For example, if conditions would normally warrant an assistant in the safety boats, it is likely to be necessary to curtail sailing.

13. Volunteers for three additional roles need to be allocated:

***Clubhouse supervisor:***

14. Clubhouse supervisor (or a relief) is responsible for all activities in the clubhouse compound during the operating period (ie when sailors are present but not on the water).

***Beachmaster:***

15. The beachmaster is responsible for ensuring boats are sanitised before launch.

***Pontoon supervisor***

16. The pontoon supervisor is responsible for mooring, rigging, and boat preparation for the sailor(s), and for sanitising boats between sailing sessions.

17. At the discretion of the OOD, the Beachmaster and Pontoon supervisor roles may be combined, if conditions and the number of active sailors make it practical. More information on the roles and responsibilities is set out in the relevant sections below.

***All volunteers and sailors***

18. All volunteers and sailors should use hand washing and sanitising facilities frequently. Sailing and boat handling inevitably involves touching hard surfaces and handwashing provides an extra layer of defence on top of the equipment sanitising measures in this procedure.

## **Preparation**

### **Sailor standards**

19. Sailors need to be capable of sailing unaccompanied, or of sailing with a family member or carer. Tideway volunteers will not be able to sail in the boat with the sailor, unless they are also a family member or carer. For less experienced sailors, we may be able to offer a “buddy sailor” sailing a similar boat in company.

## **Covid-19 Risk Reduction Measures**

### **Attendance sheet**

20. The Clubhouse Supervisor will maintain the daily attendance sheet. Contact details are required for all attendees together with confirmation that they are Covid symptom-free.

21. The attendance sheet will be disposed of securely when it is no longer required.

### **Accessing the clubhouse**

22. Only the clubhouse supervisor or a designated relief may enter the clubhouse during the sailing session. There is no scope for a one way system or for social distancing inside the clubhouse. If you want access to, lifejackets and buoyancy aids please ask the clubhouse supervisor.

23. Access to tea and coffee and security lockers is suspended until we can make new arrangements.

### **Lifejackets and buoyancy aids, waterproofs**

24. The clubhouse supervisor will bring you a suitable lifejacket or buoyancy aid and supervise fitting. The sailor needs to be capable of fitting their own lifejacket, perhaps with the help of a family member or helper.
25. After sailing, the lifejacket should be placed on the used rack outside the boatshed.
26. All used or handled lifejackets and waterproofs will be quarantined in the appropriate rack in the boat shed at the end of the day, and left for one week before reuse.

### **Radios, waterproofs,**

27. Radios should be sanitised before and after use.
28. Any club waterproofs or other clothing used on the day must be quarantined for a week before reuse.

### **Sailing**

#### **Pontoon activities**

29. Volunteers and sailors should maintain distancing as much as practicable on the pontoon. Masks are not required, but are recommended, and preferred when performing pontoon operations and during boat launch and retrieval.

#### **Safety boat operations**

30. Towing back to the pontoon is likely to be the right approach to sorting out on-water issues.
31. Tideway safety boat driver will continue to have responsibility to assist SDWC. If it is sensible, capsized sailors can be asked to hold the toe strap while the safety boat driver lifts the mast. Getting in place early to avoid an inversion is a good idea.

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