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Dear members.

I hope that you are all safe and this letter finds you fit and well?

Firstly I would like to congratulate those clubs and members who have been able to participate in some socially distanced sailing whilst we have been waiting for further guidance. This year has truly been a strange year, and in what should now be the busiest time of the year for most clubs, we see events being cancelled and club members still concerned whether they are participating in the correct manner. I am sure that many of you have been discussing what's going on and whether you are doing the right thing and up until now it has been difficult for the MYA to give much clearer advice. With recent updates from the UK's governments on amateur sport and the constant discussions within sporting bodies, we can announce the publication of the "**MYA Guidance for the Resumption of Competitive Radio and Free Sailing**".

Your MYA Council has been working on this document for a while and have been liaising with the RYA to include comment and agreement on its publication. With this now in place, the MYA document is included within the RYA "[Return to Boating](#)" Covid-19 website page.

This great news allows our clubs in England to create a plan for the resumption of competitive sailing within their clubs. In addition, it provides a useful template for our clubs in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales to use although their specific regulations and guidance are different to England and must be followed.

The document which is available on the MYA website <https://mya-uk.org.uk/mya-coronavirus-news-and-guidance> is a comprehensive guide including items that need to be considered. Although the quoted examples are for **England ONLY** at this stage, the document serves as a useful template for other UK countries:

1. Be considerate and conservative in your approach to sailing.
2. The maximum number of competitors and race officials at an event/race day is 30.
3. A maximum of 13 boats can be in one race or heat.
4. Keep to 2m social distancing
5. If 2m social distancing cannot be achieved, then a 1m+ approach can be taken at the start/finish line.

We hope that this information is well received and that you will once again enjoy your sailing/racing

Please Note:

Due to the nature of the COVID-19 conditions, any information or guidance given should be checked against local guidance in place at the time, especially concerned with local lockdown, which may temporarily curtail your sailing.

Regards
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