

Dear members,

Now that the entire country is at Level 3 of the Government Plan for Living with COVID-19, we have had to revise our plan for GSC, as usual, following Government and Irish Sailing guidelines.

Unfortunately, under Level 3 there are two areas of particular importance for sailing:

1. Pods and Social Distancing: only single-handed or same-household sailing is allowed
2. Competition: no domestic sailing competition permitted (Local, Regional or National)

The GSC Plan for Level 3 is as follows:

Keelboat Sailing - Under Irish Sailing advice no further racing will run during the current level 3 status.

The expectation is that we will effectively end the autumn series and plan our next racing to be the Turkey Shoot with a planned start date of Nov 8th, but this is ultimately determined by relevant restrictions at the time

Dinghy Sailing: Like keelboats racing cannot continue during level 3 restrictions, Coaching and training may continue.

Dinghy Race Coaching:

The Sailing Committee is planning a race coaching programme, similar to that which took place at the start of the season. Unfortunately, this will be restricted to single-handed boats and crews who can comfortably launch and retrieve by themselves, as well as double-handed crews from the same household. We also need to develop a roster that consists of two single-handed ribs and one rib with two people from the same household to ensure we have adequate safety cover. We will have details finalised over the next two days, but we are aiming for a 2pm start on the water this Saturday.

Given the time of year and the wind strength, we ask that everyone makes a decision, based on their ability, to sail during this coaching programme given the restricted safety in place. The decision to sail or not will be, as always for club sailing, with the OD/coach of the day. Finally, as we are so visible to the public in the dinghy pen and on the slip, it is important that everyone is socially distanced as they rig and launch their boats.

The Sailing Secretary will complete the sign-out sheet and all members must supply a phone number for contact tracing purposes. All sailors must advise the Sailing Secretary when they are signing out and signing in.

The Bosun will open the dinghy park before sailing and lock up afterwards. The Bosun will sanitise the locks, ribs and safety equipment after sailing.

Clubhouse:

The Clubhouse, including the bar and changing rooms, will be closed whilst Level 3 restrictions are in place.

Health and Safety:

It is vital that all members take personal responsibility for their own health and safety and decision making to minimise the risk of accidental transmission of the Covid-19 virus.

If you are feeling unwell, or have been asked to restrict your movements, please stay at home.

Regards,

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