

COVIDSafe Sailing and Race Control at CYC

To ensure COVIDSafe sailing at CYC, we will be following the:

- [CYC on-water safety plan](#)
- CYC Discover Sailing Centre safety plan (Coming soon)
- Australian Sailing Guidelines for COVID-19 that are currently applicable - [click here](#)

In order to limit the need for cleaning CYC boats and equipment, it is suggested that:

- Limit double-handling of CYC equipment
- One person drives the tractor and assists in the launching and retrieval of all TYs and CYC rescue boats
- One group of people take OTBs to the beach and back and help launch them all
- Participant using CYC boats rig and de-rig the boat they have used, as well as cleaning and disinfecting the boats and their trailers after use.
- Minimise the use of CYC PFDs to use in sail training and encourage CYC rescue boat and RIB skippers and crews to BYO.

COVIDSafe Racing and Social Sailing (as of November 2020)

- Club racing and social sailing- <https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing/>
- Informal racing based on participant numbers and weather forecast
- Conservative approach based on weather forecasts
- Flag races, not for points

Resources

- Return to sailing check list – [click here](#)
- Health Screening check list for volunteers – [click here](#)

COVIDSafe Sail Training & Green Fleet

- Sail Training - <https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/learn-to-sail/>
- Green Fleet - <https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing/greenfleet/>

Resources

- The Boatshed COVID Safe Plan - [click here](#)
- Return to training check list – [click here](#)
- Health Screening check list for volunteers – [click here](#)
- Play By The Rules Guidelines – [click here](#)

COVIDSafe Race Control

Please obey Australian Sailing guidance, Victorian Government guidance and cleaning and disinfection protocols when doing Race Control Duties either in the Race Control Room at the Clubrooms or out on RBYC Rescue boats.

The key issues to be aware of are:

- Signing in and out of the Club
- Physical distancing (unless you are members of the same household) and observing control room and boat number densities
- Wearing a mask
- Cleaning and disinfecting boats and race control rooms

Pre-Race briefings and presentations need to be conducted as far as possible outdoors.

The race sign-on book should be placed in the alcove on the ground floor under the Control Tower. Sailors need to hand sanitize before using the shared pen to sign on.

Race Control room - Cleaning of electronic equipment

Electronic equipment includes the following: printers, mobile phones, tablets, touch-screens, remote controls, mouse and keyboards.

Use disinfectant wipes or alcohol-based wipes only on this equipment. Use only a microfibre cloth dampened with water for LCD screens.

COVIDSafe Boat and Equipment Cleaning

You are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting any CYC boats or other equipment that you use. This includes CYC Optis and Pacers, the tractor, winch, CYC rescue boats.

You need to follow the guidance provided by Australian Sailing (BoatShed COVID Safe Plan) which sets out rules for cleaning CYC boats between use by different members and at the end of the session.

- If multiple participants, delegate tasks to ensure physical distancing and no double handling of equipment.
- Handled areas (trolley handle etc) of Pacers, and Optis should be disinfected after participants use the boat, prior to being returned to the yard by the group allocated to do this task.
- RIBs should be returned to the yard for cleaning, with one person handling each part (eg. Trolley handle, painter). The allocated user of the RIB should be the only one to handle the RIB. RIBs must be cleaned and disinfected

once in the yard according to the cleaning protocol.

- Ensure that cleaning protocols are adhered to including disinfecting:
 - boats
 - Participant PFDs (only if CYC PFDs have been used)
 - RIBs
 - VHF radios and GPs
 - downstairs building common touch points (door handles, light switches, bathrooms etc.)

Instructions for cleaning are located on the CYC website, and also on the cleaning equipment containers located in the downstairs tractor and boat storage area and in the upper race control room.