

9th July 2020

Update to all DSC members from exec committee.

Following last night's exec. meeting, I am pleased to share with you new updates that will take place from this Sunday 12th July 2020. The club still needs to adopt 'a precautionary approach' (i.e., the sailing committee will make a final judgement on conditions on the day, and follow COVID guidelines) but we will be reverting to the 'sailing calendar' for Sunday and Thursday sessions only, with a single start for 'racing' as advertised in the 'sailing program' and on the club website. (downssailingclub.co.uk)

For those of you who have enjoyed the 'recreational' sailing, this is still possible on all sailing sessions, but we ask for you to keep in the 'marked' area on the water. We will be facilitating a Friday 'recreational' sailing sessions from (17/7/20), but due to COVID restrictions at the moment it is only open to 'sailing competent' sailors, with no formal coaching, but maybe a 'follow my leader', more informal session for those wishing to practice their skills on the water. No club 'darts' or 'L2000' only single-handed boats or boats of the same household on these evenings.

We ask members to make their own decision about coming down to the club, by either checking weather links via the website or a visual link: skyline-webcam (Deal, Kent). This is to a camera on the café opposite the pier and shows a panoramic view with the shoreline state at that time.

The club flags will be displayed in the race box when the race officer is in position, but it will NOT be posted on Face Book from now on.

How can members help?

As your club is run by its members, we need all those who can do their 'duties' to sign up via 'Duty Man' (there is a link under Sailing, on the club website) and any issues can be forwarded to our 'dutyman administrator' who will kindly assist. Each sailing session requires:

- ✓ Exec. officer
- ✓ Safety boat – 2 from the same household (at the moment)
- ✓ Bridge – Race officer (to run the computer and race)
Assistant race officer (outside on the bridge by flags – to assist race officer, but be socially distanced, unless from the same household)
- ✓ Beach Master – to support single handed sailors with their sledges (2 metre rope on boats & sledges and name/boat number-PLEASE)

Our sailing sessions can only be facilitated at the club if we have members sign up for duties, with restrictions in place this may not always be possible, so members must be aware that sailing sessions may be cancelled if we have not got the 'duties' covered on each session.

Restrictions the club still have to follow are:

- Social distancing (2 metres to date) – all members to follow around the boat park, in one gate and out the other.
- Groups of no more than 6, numbers of no more than 30, so please restrict gathering with others not in your family groups.
- Safety/signing on sheet – please can all members ensure the 'exec officer' of the day has recorded your name on our sheet, and you confirm if you are healthy. (this is a traceability sheet; we need to keep for 21 days in-case of any COVID outbreaks)
- No changing rooms – so please come down 'beach ready'. Toilets in club available 1 in 1 out, and surface cleaner available in each toilet for members to use.
- Bar service available – after sailing, but strictly 1 in 1 out, (rules on website) and above the bar. Card facility available for payment now.

Any queries please contact me either email: commodore@downssailingclub.co.uk or see me down the club.

Kind regards

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