

Reading Offshore Sailing Club

Coronavirus (Covid 19)

Dear Member

As you are already aware the situation regarding coronavirus (Covid 19) is developing rapidly with the Government, Public Health bodies and the RYA issuing new updates almost by the hour.

I am sure I can speak for all of us about the alarming rate and spread of this new virus and the impact it is going to have on us all, not just as a club but on society as a whole. It is vital that we as individuals and as a club do all we can to protect not only ourselves, but also those who are at particular risk from this novel disease.

The Committee has decided to cancel all club activities for the foreseeable future. Our hosts for our monthly meetings, the Upper Thames Motor Yacht Club, have also decided to follow the Government's advice to stop all non-essential social contact and have closed their clubhouse for the coming 12 weeks.

Although I suspect that it will be possible for individuals to get out on the water at times, so long as they can reach their boats with minimal social contact, I regret that the club must cancel its plans for rallies and social gatherings for the time being. We cannot tell how long this situation might last, but it is certain to be for several months at least. We shall use e-mail, our Whatsapp group and the website to communicate any significant changes in circumstances. In the meantime, it would be very pleasant if all members could let us know of anything of interest, e.g. funny sailing stories, anecdotes etc. that can be shared, to bring relief to our period of social isolation. Please e-mail or telephone any of the committee members via the links shown in the Yearbook or else why not use the Whatsapp group – if you are not already a member of this group just drop an e-mail to Steve Giggs, our Hon Sec and he will add you to it.

Best wishes and hopefully, good health to all of you. We hope to see you all as soon as it becomes possible.

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