

# Botany Bay Yacht Club

## COVID-19 Sailing Safety Plan

The BBYC Spring Series for 2020 will commence on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September, with Conditions of Sailing and Sailing Instructions as per the BBYC Blue Book.

It is important that participants at BBYC events support this early return to sailing, by complying with all government and BBYC requirements. In short:

- Stay home if you are unwell
- Do not attend BBYC if you have visited Victoria in the last 14 days
- Do not attend BBYC if you have attended any of the case locations listed on the NSW Health website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>).
- Get in, sail and get out;
- Practice good hand hygiene before and after sailing;
- Avoid physical contact;
- The BBYC clubhouse, bar and kitchen will be closed for now - arrive dressed and ready to sail;
- Don't share drinks or towels;
- Sharing of equipment should be avoided and if necessary, should be kept to a minimum;
- Keep a distance of 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable;
- Contact Tracing records must be kept - all skippers to sign in and provide the names and mobiles of their crew;
- For more information, read the attached risk assessment.

## General

- All members and crew are reminded of the Risk Warning in the BBYC Blue Book. In addition, everyone must assume that there is a possibility that a fellow participant is infected with COVID-19. All participants must decide for themselves whether they engage in BBYC events, in full knowledge of the risk to their own, and their colleagues, health and safety.
- All participants are requested to strictly adhere to the requirements outlined in this COVID-19 Safety Plan for Sailing.
- At present, the BBYC clubhouse will remain off-limit for all sailors, unless they require access as part of their official duties. This situation will be reviewed by the Board in line with government updates.
- Individuals must not attend BBYC if they have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or are generally unwell.
- Individuals must not attend BBYC if they have visited Victoria in the previous 14 days.
- Individuals must not attend BBYC if they have visited any of the case location hot spots identified by NSW Health (current list attached, and at: (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>)).

- The guiding principle for BBYC events will be that all participants must minimise the time that they spend on BBYC grounds – ie arrive, sail, then leave.
- Government restrictions impose a 10-person limit on recreational vessels. Skippers are encouraged to keep crew numbers during BBYC events to a minimum.
- Skippers must register crew details (name and mobile phone number) with BBYC for each event. In addition, all participants are encouraged to load and activate the government COVIDSafe app throughout each BBYC event.
- The Starter boat will have a maximum of 3 crew, and should maintain 1.5m physical separation where reasonably practical.

### Getting on board

- Skippers should arrange a time for all crew to meet at the dock ready to board.
- All sailors must arrive at BBYC promptly and be ready to sail.
- Interaction with other boats' crew should be minimised.
- Boats should limit any time spent tied up at the pontoon or wharf, ideally just to pick up or drop off crew. Skippers are encouraged to complete all rigging, sorting out sails, etc, while on their mooring or while motoring out to the bay.
- The BBYC tender will be available to move people from the pontoon to their boats. Numbers in the tender must be limited to 6 (including driver).
- The tender should operate only from the main (starter boat) pontoon, in order to avoid cross-contamination from the ladders on the other pontoons. Boats are requested to leave the north end of the pontoon free for tender use.
- All sailors are encouraged to use the hand sanitiser provided by the club at the gangway to the main pontoon.

### Sailing

- Crew members must maintain 1.5m physical separation while on board where reasonably practical. Tacks, gybes and spinnaker sets/douses are routine practices where 1.5m separation may not be reasonable. Rail sitters must maintain 1.5m physical separation.
- Skippers are encouraged to allocate crew to specific tasks for the entirety of the event rather than swapping roles midway, to minimise cross-contamination via surfaces.
- Crew should not share drinks, towels and other personal equipment.

### Completion of Sailing

- Once boats have returned to their mooring, crew will be returned to the dock as per the process for getting on board – minimising the time that boats are tied up to the pontoon or wharf, with the tender using the main pontoon.
- All sailors are encouraged to use the hand sanitiser provided by the club at the gangway to the main dock.
- Crew are requested to depart the BBYC grounds as soon as possible, with minimal interaction with other boats' crew.

Updated: August 2020