

## Covid-19 Statement:

Sail & Power Boat Training Ltd is a professional RYA Training Centre running a range of Sailing, Powerboat, Shorebased Courses and Adventure Sailing.

Our focus is on safe, fun and inspiring training. Our main training bases are at Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club in Lowestoft and Fox's Marina in Ipswich. We also train our clients on their own boats throughout the UK.

Our clients range from leisure boaters taking their first step on to the boating ladder, to clients who have owned boats for many years who are looking to further develop their skills. In addition, we train a wide range of commercial clients such as those helming for windfarm, construction projects or working in marinas.

We also work with a wide range of law enforcement/emergency organisations training them both in basic boat handling and more specialist areas.

Lockdown is easing and we have now started to run training courses, however it's important to keep our staff and clients safe. This is subject to such training being acceptable according to the rules and advice around at that stage. Keyworkers or other essential workers that need boating qualifications will be considered on a case by case basis.

In terms of bookings we are taking bookings on the basis that it's possible they will be deferred but we will cross that particular bridge as we get to it.

In terms of what we are doing to keep our clients and staff safe:

- ***SBPT 'Buffs' (face coverings) free on all course***
- ***Large RIB & Yacht to maintain social distancing with reduced client numbers.***
- ***Less students in the classroom to maintain social distancing***
- ***Sanitising products on the boats and all of the kit that is allocated to you***
- ***A regular deep cleaning program in our own classrooms and on the boats***

It goes without saying that we don't want you to attend a course if you are feeling unwell and we'll move you to another date or refund according to what you want to do.

### **Objectives**

Our objectives are:

- To keep staff and clients safe
- To restart all operations in a safe controlled way.
- To manage risks and resources as effectively as possible, to reschedule bookings that have been or may be postponed to new dates taking full account of client preference, government advice and operational safety.

We resumed practical training courses for sail and power boats in compliance with the guidance that people can meet outside in groups of up to 6 from any number of households. This is day sailing only and in compliance with our risk assessment and government guidance we limited numbers further and introduced a range of risk reduction measures. Unfortunately, although now we can have overnight stays, we will not yet be able to run courses or cruises this way unless it is for a single household group.

We will be running shorebase courses, they will be operated in a way comparable to restaurants with social distancing and other measures.

Unfortunately, we cannot run adventure sailing. This is because it requires overnight stays involving groups of more than 2 households. Further lifting of these household group restrictions will be necessary before adventure sailing can resume. Milebuilders are affected in a similar way but we are examining ways in which we might achieve the aim of milebuilder sailing but within the current safety guidance.

### **Risk Assessments**

Our decisions on restarting operations are based on compliance with Government regulation and guidance and on our risk assessments and specification of measures to minimise risk. We have completed a Covid 19 risk assessment for practical & shorebase training activities. We are now working on extending these assessments to adventure sailing and milebuilder sailing. And we will update all assessments to reflect the updated social distancing criteria – '1 metre plus'

### **Practical Training Courses**

We have now scheduled a provisional programme of practical sail and power boat courses including ICC

Although we are positive about this restart, we must all accept that there are still risks. Courses run as daytime only and with social distancing seem very different and we need everyone to play a part in keeping things as safe as possible. We are asking clients to self-declare their health status prior to sailing and affirm that they understand and accept the safety measures we will have in place. There is also a finite risk of further postponement due to a range of potential Covid 19 events. Examples are government regulation to re-impose restrictions or an instructor or client developing symptoms or having to self-isolate due to contact with an infected person. So, we are being flexible and will accept such postponement without undue penalty to any party. Our terms and conditions have been expanded to include such added endorsements.

Overnight stays will be allowed but these will be limited to 2 household groups on a single boat One household will be the instructor so unless everyone in a crew is from the same household course will continue to be run as day sailing only

### **Private Tuition and Own Boat Instruction**

Our instructors are available now for private tuition in small groups either on our yachts or yours. These can be arranged in compliance with social distancing and other measures to achieve safety. So, if you just want coaching in boat handling, navigation, radar operation etc or a full RYA course or ICC assessment please contact us.

### **Shore-Based Classroom Courses**

We will be running shorebase courses in our classroom, these will have to comply strictly with social distancing requirements, so numbers are likely to be limited to between 4 and 6 students. Radar, Diesel and First Aid will follow. Day Skipper and Yachtmaster Theory courses are running very successfully with our hybrid online course and this will continue. We will now consider running classroom courses for day skipper and yachtmaster starting in September.

We are taking new bookings now for all courses sail, powerboat and shorebase courses and we'll soon have a new schedule for adventure sailing and milebuilders If you want to discuss a new booking or just consider your options please email or call the office on [ian@sailpowerboattraining.com](mailto:ian@sailpowerboattraining.com) or 01493 253004.

### **Situation Updates**

Will continue to review the position and update this notice regularly.

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