



# MINNIS BAY WINDSURFING CLUB



## **Covid-19 Update 14th September 2020**

The Minnis Bay Windsurfing Club's Covid-19 Committee have been reviewing the new government guidelines, with new restrictions coming into place from Monday 14th September 2020, in that:

*"You must not meet with people from other households socially in groups of more than 6. This will apply indoors and outdoors, including in private homes."*

### **What does that mean for you and our Club activities?**

As previously, we have taken advice from our sport's National Governing Body, the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

The RYA have presented webinar sessions for us to get a clear picture of what we as a club are allowed or not allowed to do, as well as publish their interpretation with respect to windsurfing clubs. The purpose of this update is to share that with you.

Ultimately, it means that nothing much has changed from previously for us going out windsurfing.

*Organised sporting events* are exempt from this new legislation, as are any essential activities to organise those activities.

*Individuals windsurfing* are simply that, people out doing their own sport activity by themselves and there is no restriction on the number of individuals going out onto the water.

We may not be able to hold large social events around the BBQ or bar (but weren't doing that anyway), unless each group of six remain together and do not mix with anyone from another group of six, and within that group of six still keep suitable social distances... unless one or more of those six are one of your own household, or your young children... It's also unlikely that there will be a Christmas party this year, so let's not dwell too long on that one!

What we might face is ignorant busy bodies who have nothing better to do than to complain about something they don't understand, or are reacting to misinformation spread from various social media sources. If they see lots of people in close proximity doing the same sport they might complain that a social gathering is taking place.

If anyone approaches you on this matter, simply suggest they contact the club on email with any concerns that they have.

So, keep your social distances as you have been doing so well when rigging or at the hut, and don't gather in large groups in close proximity with each other.

All other previously published Covid-19 precautions still apply.