



MINNIS BAY WINDSURFING CLUB



Covid-19 Update 5th November 2020

The Minnis Bay Windsurfing Club's Covid-19 Committee have been reviewing the new Government legislation which comes into place on 5th November, and taken advice from the RYA:-
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England)(No. 4) Regulations 2020

In summary, all non-essential clubs and sports facilities have been ordered to close under law.

What does it mean for you and our Club?

For the period of lockdown defined by the UK Government, 5th November until 3rd December 2020, the Club will be closed.

There will be no access allowed to any Club facilities during this period, with the exception of emergencies (e.g. first aid) or a committee member on official business.

Unfortunately, this also means that no Club equipment will be available for use during this period.

As individuals, we are still allowed to take exercise outside, as much as we like, either by ourselves, or with one other person from outside our household. As per the legislation:-

Exceptions: leaving home

(c) to take exercise outside—

(i) alone,

(ii) with—

(aa) one or more members of their household, their linked household, or

(bb) where exercise is being taken as part of providing informal childcare for a child aged 13 or under, one or more members of their linked childcare household, or

(iii) in a public outdoor place, with one other person who is not a member of their household, their linked household or their linked childcare household,...

The Club will not be monitoring anyone who wishes to take their exercise windsurfing with their own equipment. How people take their recreational exercise is up to them.

The Club would strongly recommend that any member going out to sea during this period do so with caution and within their own abilities. Always let someone know when you are due back, or buddy up with someone else. Remember, the RNLI may also have reduced staffing during this period.

Restrictions on gatherings:

(2) A gathering takes place when two or more persons are present together in the same place in order—

(a) to engage in any form of social interaction with each other, or

(b) to undertake any other activity with each other.

If several members do decide to take their exercise windsurfing and happen to turn up at the same time, then please do not congregate in large groups while rigging, stick to pairs as a maximum.

If anyone queries you on this matter, inform them that you are taking exercise by yourself or with your one buddy (allowed as above), or your family member/s, etc.

Any Club member not wishing to follow the law is requested to remain away from the Minnis Bay Windsurfing Club's facilities during this period. Failure to comply with the Club's regulations may result in immediate and indefinite expulsion from the Club.