



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

For the Resumption of Keelboat Racing

by the Combined Clubs consisting of The Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS), The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT) and The Bellerive Yacht Club Inc. (BYC).

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this COVID-19 Safety Plan (**Plan**) is to provide an overarching plan for the implementation and management of procedures by the Hobart Combined Clubs to their club members and participants in the resumption of club keelboat racing activities.

The arrangements set out in this Plan are intended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among members, participants, officials, administrators/volunteers, visitors, families and the broader community. The Plan provides the framework to govern the general operation of keelboat racing conducted by the Hobart Combined Clubs, any facilities under their control, the competition behaviour of all members and participants, and the monitoring and reporting of the health of attendees at Hobart Combined Clubs facilities.

This Plan includes, but is not limited to, the conduct of:

- Keelboat racing activities; and
- facility management and supporting operations.

At all times the Plan is subject to all regulations, guidelines and directions of government and public health authorities.

2. Key Principles

This Plan is based on, and accepts, the AIS [Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#) (**AIS Framework**) and the [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#) (**National Principles**).

The Plan also accepts as key principles that:

- The health and safety of members, participants, officials, administrators/volunteers, visitors, families and the broader community is the number one priority;
- Members, participants, officials, administrators/volunteers, families and the broader community need to be engaged and briefed on the Hobart Combined Clubs return to keelboat racing plans;
- Facilities are assessed and appropriate plans are developed to accommodate upgraded hygiene protocols, physical distancing and other measures to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and
- At every stage of the return to keelboat racing process the Hobart Combined Clubs must consider and apply all applicable State and Territory Government and local restrictions and regulations. The Hobart Combined Clubs needs to be prepared for any localised outbreak at our facilities, within our competitions or in the local community.

3. Responsibilities under this Plan

The Hobart Combined Clubs Committee, consisting of the Vice Commodores of each of the Combined Clubs, retains the overall responsibility for the effective management and implementation of the return to keelboat racing activities and operations outlined in this Plan.

The Hobart Combined Clubs Committee is responsible for:

- Approving the Plan and overseeing the implementation of the arrangements in the Plan; and
- Revising the Plan as required, ensuring it reflects up to date information from government and public health officials.

The Combined Clubs Chair has appointed the following person as the Hobart Combined Clubs COVID-19 Safety Coordinator to execute the delivery of the Plan and to act as a point of contact for information relating to this Plan:

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The Hobart Combined Clubs expects all members, participants, officials, administrative staff and volunteers to:

- Comply with the health directions of government and public health authorities as issued from time to time;
- Understand and act in accordance with this Plan as amended from time to time;
- Comply with any testing and precautionary measures implemented by the Hobart Combined Clubs;
- Act with honesty and integrity in regard to the state of their personal health and any potential symptoms; and
- Monitor their health and take a cautious approach to self-isolation and reporting of potential symptoms.

4. Return to Sport Arrangements

The Plan outlines specific sport requirements that the Hobart Combined Clubs will implement for Level C of the AIS Framework.

Hobart Combined Clubs will transition to the competition activities and facility use outlined in Level C of the AIS Framework as permitted under local restrictions and regulations.

4.1 AIS Framework Arrangements

The protocols for conducting sport operations and facility operations under Level C of the AIS Framework are set out in the Appendix.

4.2 Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia

The Hobart Combined Clubs will also comply with the Australian government's Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia and Tasmanian Public Health Orders, which places limits on the type of activity that can be conducted and the number of people who can gather at facilities, notwithstanding the activities permitted by the AIS Framework (see below).

COMBINED CLUBS INTERPRETATION BASED ON AIS & TAS FRAMEWORK

LEVEL A (STAGE 1)	LEVEL B (STAGE 2)	LEVEL C (STAGE 3)
<p>No competition allowed</p> <p>Training for single handed sailing allowed in small groups of not more than 10 participants (excluding coaches/staff) with adequate spacing (not more than 1 person per 4m²)</p> <p>No keelboat or double handed dinghy competition or training allowed.</p> <p>The use of indoor facilities is not allowed</p> <p>Social distancing of 1.5m required at all times.</p>	<p>No competition allowed</p> <p>Training for single and double handed sailing allowed in small groups of not more than 20 participants (excluding coaches/staff) with adequate spacing (not more than 1 person per 4m²)</p> <p>Physical distancing of 1.5m required at all times whilst ashore and onboard power/rescue boats. Accidental contact may occur during double handed sailing.</p>	<p>Return to full training and competition</p> <p>Use of change rooms & other facilities permitted</p> <p>No physical distancing restrictions on water</p> <p>Physical distancing onshore, 1 person per 2 square metres</p>

5. Recovery

When public health officials determine that the outbreak has ended in the local community, Hobart Combined Clubs will consult with relevant authorities to identify criteria for scaling back its COVID-19 prevention actions. Hobart Combined Clubs will also consider which protocols can remain to optimise good public and participant health.

At this time the Chair of Hobart Combined Clubs will consult with key stakeholders to review the delivery of its return to sport arrangements and use feedback to improve organisational plans and systems.

6. Return to Keelboat Racing – General Principles

Community sailing members and individuals should not return to sport if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19. In an environment of community transmission of COVID-19, any individual with respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever or shortness of breath), even if mild, should be considered a possible case of COVID-19.

All community sport members must be made aware not to attend sport environments if they are unwell and should use a cautious approach. Anyone who is unwell should be referred to a doctor in accordance with local Public Health Authority guidelines. A participant with a possible case of COVID-19 should refrain from training (even at home) until they have been cleared to do so by a doctor, given the potential for worsening illness.

It should also be considered that anyone returning to sport and exercise after a period of social isolation and not exercising regularly may be at an increased risk of injury. Clubs and individuals should apply a graded return to mitigate injury risk, understanding that sudden increase in training load will predispose to injury.

VULNERABLE GROUPS

Vulnerable groups such as para-athletes and others with medical conditions may be at increased risk. Those with concomitant medical conditions need individualised management in consultation with their regular treating doctor(s) prior to return to training environments. Considerations include increased susceptibility to respiratory infections, unique equipment (e.g. wheelchairs) that requires cleaning, accessibility of medical resources, risk of medical sequelae from COVID-19, and access to alternative training options.

Participants/other personnel with concurrent medical conditions including; respiratory or cardiac disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity and immunosuppression due to disease or medication may be at increased risk. Other groups that require special consideration include; individuals over 70 years of age, carers for or a household contact of a vulnerable person, athletes with suboptimal access to medical care (e.g. remote) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.

7. Reversal of Level/Steps

If required, our sport would be able to reverse these plans to any level of activity ranging from the level prior, or part there-of, to complete lockdown and cessation of all activity, we would be guided on this by government.

Though our network of affiliated clubs, our sport is able to communicate via several methods to ensure that the messages on plan reversal if needed, is communicated appropriately, this would be done via our usual communication channels, such as electronic direct messages, social media, website articles, and by our regular communication via phone with club management.

Should restrictions be such that keelboat sailing cannot continue, all activity would cease.

Appendix: Outline of Return to Sport Arrangements

Part 1 – Sport Operations

Area	Plan Requirements (for activities under AIS Framework Level C)
Approvals	<p>The following conditions must be in place for keelboat racing to resume:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Government restrictions enabling competition racing to occur. • Local government/venue owner approval for competition at venue, if required. • National/state sporting body/local association approval to return to competition for community sport. • Club Boards have approved return to competition for club. • Insurance arrangements confirmed to cover competition.
Racing Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participating yacht owners are to ensure they have nominated their crew on each race day in accordance with the NOR. • All participating yacht owners will be advised to ensure crew are aware physical distancing requirements still apply while on club premises. • All participating yacht owners will be advised to ensure crew are aware that they must abide by club rules framed in accordance with government guidelines including after race gatherings on licenced premises. • All volunteers will be advised physical distancing rules apply while on club premises. • All volunteers will be advised that they must abide by club rules framed in accordance with government guidelines including after race gatherings on licenced premises.
Personal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participating yacht owners will be advised of the need to check with crew that they are aware that if they are unwell, they should not to attend. (including any signs/symptoms of cold, flu, COVID-19 or other illness). • All participating yacht owners will be advised to ensure crew are aware that they should wash their hands prior to, during and after sailing and use hand sanitiser where available. • All participating yacht owners will be advised to ensure crew avoid physical greetings (i.e. hand shaking, high fives etc.). • All volunteers will be advised that if they are unwell that they should not to attend. (including any signs/symptoms of cold, flu, COVID-19 or other illness). • All volunteers will be advised to ensure they wash hands prior to, during and after undertaking their duties and to use of hand sanitiser where available. • All volunteers will be advised to avoid physical greetings (i.e. hand shaking, high fives etc.).
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance to each club marina and with each of the Combined Clubs facilities for participants/volunteers to use.
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs will email participating yacht owners to ensure they follow all advice and pass onto all crew members. • Clubs will email all volunteers to ensure they follow all advice as per this document. • Posters will be displayed at clubs reminding of physical distancing, handwashing and if unwell not to attend. • Competitors, members, officials, volunteers and families will be encouraged to download and use the government COVIDSafe app.

Part 2 – Facility Operations

Area	Plan Requirements (for activities under AIS Framework Level C)
Approvals	<p>The following conditions must be in place for use of club facilities to resume:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State/Territory Government approval of the resumption of facility operations. • Local government has given approval to use of facility, if required. • Club Boards have approved plan for use of club facilities. • Insurance arrangements confirmed to cover facility usage.
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clubhouse facilities including toilets/change rooms will be available for use subject to maximum room capacity limits which will be displayed on each entrance door. • Hand sanitising stations will be made available at the entrance to each club marina and within club rooms with signage encouraging use. • Each club will ensure their cleaning schedules are adequate for race days as per their COVID-19 Safety Plans. • Sanitiser will be available on all race official boats along with sanitiser wipes to clean any shared equipment.
Facility access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering numbers will be limited to the maximum allowed as per government allowances. • Any spectators should observe physical distancing requirements (>1.5 metres) and density requirements (one person per 2 square metres). • Physical distancing signs will be on display with visual reminders such as floor markings in high volume areas. • Bar/restaurant operations will ensure following of own club COVID-19 safety plans regarding food and cash handling protocols, hygiene and cleaning measures and established zones.
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser available at club marina entrance and clubhouse entrance/high use areas. • Displaying posters outlining relevant personal hygiene guidance. • All clubs will ensure cleaning standards are maintained as per their COVID-19 Safety Plan. • Shared equipment will be sanitised after each use.
Management of unwell participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If advised of a positive case of COVID-19 the Combined Clubs will make contact with each participating boat owner and provide their details and those of their crew to government officials when required.
Club responsibilities	<p>The club will oversee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision and conduct of hygiene protocols as per the Plan. • The capture of a record of attendance at sailing races and maintaining an up-to-date log of attendance. • Coordination of Level C sailing operations. • Operation of the club's facilities in support of all Level C sailing activities in accordance with this Plan.