



Club status from 29th March 2021

Dear Members

We are pleased to notify members that the Club is back in a position after the floods and lockdown to be open from today 29th March 2021 for members wishing to use the boat sheds and steps only. All crew boats with members of mixed households are allowed to be used.

Indoor training facilities will NOT be available for individual training until at least 12th April 2021. Group indoor sessions will not be allowed until at least the 17th May 2021.

Use of the changing rooms and showers will not be available until further notice. We have made toilet facilities available but only via the metal staircase at the front of the building.

The use of "icrew" is essential to advance book any equipment. It is also how we keep the required records for NHS Test and Trace.

As before, the cleaning and disinfecting of club equipment before and after use will be mandatory. Alcohol hand sanitizer is available at many common touch points around the Club. Whilst on premises and not actively involved in training, a face covering must be worn.

Access to boat houses is via the key safe on the personnel door of the 4s shed. Combination lock number is 4762. A key for the 8s shed is held here. Keys for the 2s & 4s shed are on top of the cabinet next to the chains for the 8s roller door.

I have made a trip up the riverbank to check for any new hazards on the river, please take care on the first trip. The school has been using the river for the last 3 weeks and have not reported any additional hazards.

We will not have sole use of the boathouse and river, as the Kayak club will return to OTW training as well.

When the HCSBC return from Easter holidays, we will have to grant them exclusive use of the club during their contracted hours. The reason for this is way they manage pupils in bubbles, the risk for our members is they would be included in the school bubble if sharing the same facilities at the same time. Thus, if pupils need to self-isolate, anyone who had contact would also have to isolate.

A point to note is for the week after Easter, Mon 5th to Fri 9th April, we will be holding a junior training camp. Normally this is held at Dorney Lake but this year is different and the training camp will be held at the Club.

There will be a large number of boats/launches on the water from 8.30am to 4.00pm. There is no restriction on numbers of oarspersons on the water or people helping get crews on the water. We will manage people in small group sizes (rule of 6) to show the public it is not just a social gathering. These numbers may make it a bit slower for boating/landing but I am sure it can be managed successfully.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Kind regards and wishing you enjoyment back on the water.

Captain Liam