



## RNSA MOORINGS LIMITED - EARLY SEASON NEWSLETTER

**Welcome back** to RNSA Moorings and recreational boating for those that can. For those that cannot please continue to stay in close contact with the moorings' team as we will continue to do what we can to help keep an eye on your boat for you. We have been undertaking regular checks and where requested looked in a little more detail, even providing photos on occasion.

The whole moorings' estate is now open for RNSA members, including family members. Guests are not yet permitted through Fort Blockhouse or Fleetlands. We are in close dialogue with the relevant authorities and will keep you updated.

**RETURN TO BOATING**  
**GUIDE TO STAYING SAFE:**

- You can visit your club to maintain your boat and go boating
- Always be socially distanced
- You must return to your home at the end of the day
- Before travel check that your club is open and prepared to receive visitors

**Please be patient while your club makes itself safe for you to visit**

- Do not share a private vehicle to travel with anyone outside your own household
- Maintain social distancing (2m apart) at all times
- Do not go boating if you are self-isolating or feel unwell
- Follow public health guidelines for hygiene and wash your hands regularly

**know our limits** **prepare** **keep in touch**

The RYA supports Government guidelines to prevent spreading of COVID-19 and minimise pressure on frontline services.  
Please find further advice for recreational boaters at:  
[rya.org.uk](http://rya.org.uk)

**RYA**

As you return to boating please do keep an eye on the RYA advice and **stay safe**. Berth holders are reminded:

- *If you or a member of your household are self-isolating because of a diagnosis or suspicion of COVID 19 or have any symptoms - you must not visit any RNSA Moorings Ltd site.*
- *Those in high risk groups as defined by Government must take extra care if visiting a RNSA Moorings Ltd site.*
- *Those in shielded groups as defined by Government must stay at home.*
- *Persons entering any RNSA Moorings Ltd site, before touching anything must wash or disinfect hands using the hand sanitiser provided.*
- *Anyone visiting RNSA Moorings Ltd sites must adhere to current Government regulations including instructions in relation to social distancing whether ashore or afloat.*
- *Please be polite and respect the various security and pass admin staff as this relationship is key to enabling the moorings.*

**Moorings' launch.** It is fully recognised that the use of GRACE is important part of the service to berth holders. We have conducted a detailed risk assessment and from 3 June will be operating a basic bookable service on a trial basis. There are inevitable a number of restrictions, but these are essential if we are to provide both a safe service to you and look after the staff.

- The risk assessment recognises that GRACE offers a relatively large open-air cockpit (awning removed) and the safe 'refuge' of a cabin for the coxswain. Social distancing of 2m can be established and risk through shared touch points mitigated.
- Please use hand sanitiser prior to embarking. The launch to be cleaned daily.
- A maximum of 4 passengers and only from the same household on any one trip.
- All kit to easily manageable and not bulky / heavy.
- A booking system will be utilised to manage numbers. Please call John in advance giving as much notice as possible and under normal circumstances more than 24 hours.
- John will remain in the cabin so far as possible, including during your embarkation and disembarkation. Where he needs to handle moorings lines please keep clear and follow his guidance.
- Passengers are requested to remain at stern of boat and facing aft / outboard where needed to permit John to handle lines.
- Do consider use of gloves.
- Transfer will only take place inside the harbour and during the hours of sunrise to sunset.
- Passengers are strongly advised to wear their own lifejackets.



**Electricity cards – issue and top up.** This is a potential risk area and care should be taken. The intended method is to:

- Call John in advance and arrange a time to meet him at his hut in Fort Blockhouse.
- His hut is out of bounds to berth holders so please place the card on the doorstep. John will top up the card and return it to the step.
- For those at Fleetlands, again call in advance and a similar process will be adopted from the onsite office.
- Payment can be by bank transfer or cash. A box will be made available to place the cash in and please do try and have the right amount as we are keen to avoid the need for change. In the future contactless payment will be possible.
- You may prefer to leave your card and payment in an envelope and collect it later.

**Fleetlands.** We should have the gardeners in soon to give the grounds a tidy up. Please note that all buildings are currently out of bounds except for the heads and outboard store.

**Haslar mid-stream pontoon.** Unfortunately, the contractors were not available during lockdown and we are still working on reconnecting the water post the major upgrade to the pontoon. In parallel we will continue with the project to provide electricity.

**Berth re-shuffle.** As always there is a reshuffle at the start of the season and winter berth holders return to their summer moorings, new boats arrive, boats are sold, and the launching process gets underway. This has all been compressed for obvious reasons and is further complicated by the shielding that some of our berth holders continue to require. We are on the case but please be patient and work with the team.

**RNSA Office.** The RNSA office itself remains closed but we continue to operate as normal and are processing shop orders, blue ensign permits and all the usual support we try to provide.

**RETURN TO BOATING**  
**HERE'S HOW:**

**BE CONSIDERATE**  
Avoid placing extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services:

- Consider the impact of your boating
- Be mindful of others on the water or beach
- Watch and be ready to assist others if needed

**BE CONSERVATIVE**  
Minimise risk in our approach to boating:

- Know our limits
- Prepare before getting out on the water
- Keep in touch

wash your hands    respect social distancing    check local restrictions

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**Stay safe.** Please follow the RYA principles of be considerate and be conservative in your sailing.



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