

***Sailing courses at RMYS planned to commence from 4th July 2020***

Royal Melbourne Sail Training Academy at RMYS, St Kilda has been affected by Covid – 19.

As directed by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria and Australian Sailing our regular sail training courses were cancelled, along with regular sailing and clubhouse operations at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. The Sailing Academy like many businesses has been in hibernation through this uncertain time, whilst conducting necessary fleet and boat maintenance.

The partial relaxation of Stage 3 restrictions announced by the Victorian Government on 12th May 2020 has allowed some recreational boating with several limitations to recommence, but unfortunately does not allow for sail training.

Australian Sailing, our peak body (and training scheme organiser), has determined that sail training cannot yet recommence due to social distancing guidelines, the use of shared equipment and the lack of Club facilities which are required to remain closed at this time.

In the light of the Commonwealth Government's 3 stage road map to recovery we do plan to offer **some sailing courses from the July 2020**, *subject to the direction of the Victorian Government, Australian Sailing and Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron*. We, like the community, hope that a continuing improvement in the health outlook will allow sail training to recommence along with many community sport and recreation activities.

**Our very popular Keelboat "Start Crewing" weekend courses will be offered first starting from Saturday 4th July 2020**, with other courses recommencing as restrictions are eased. Bookings as an expression of interest are now open to the public and RMYS members & friends and can be [DOWNLOADED HERE](#). Payment is not required at this time and will only be required immediately prior to the course, when the course is confirmed as commencing as planned.

If you would like to know more information about learning to sail or any of our training courses please contact Leigh Brennan-Smith on 0412 196301 or via email at <mailto:mtraining@rmys.com.au>