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Dear Club Officials,

Today saw the announcement of the easing of restrictions in Victoria starting at midnight Tuesday the 12th of May. Australian Sailing is working with the Victorian Government to gain clarity on the interpretation of this announcement. We are working to be able to provide more definition around how this effects sailing in time for the Tuesday midnight deadline. However, below is some guidance that will help you in the short term:

Sport and exercise can resume if:

- you can keep your distance (at least 1.5 metres apart), you are not doing your activities indoors and they are not competitive (team vs team); and
- you can do them with a maximum of 10 people.
- Non-contact sports and exercise are allowed but you need to maintain physical distancing
- Your outdoor sport or exercise activity can be part of a club, but you cannot use club facilities, except toilets.
- If your sport has a team that is more than ten people, the whole team cannot play or train together at one time.
- Use of shared sporting equipment should be minimised and there should be no sharing of equipment that touches the face or head (e.g. helmets, goggles or masks).

Can I use sports club facilities?

- You can use toilet facilities connected to a permitted sport location. However, clubhouses, bars, eating areas, indoor sitting areas, showers and change facilities must remain closed. You should not drink from public drinking fountains.
- Bars and restaurants can only remain open if it offers takeaway or delivery services – no sit-down meals or drinks are permitted.

Can I go boating?

- Under the new directions, recreational boating is now permissible. Physical distancing and mass gathering rules apply at all times – including at the boat ramp and on your boat.
- As always though, Victorians are being asked to be considered and use common sense when it comes their activities. You should only leave home if you really need to. We are all being asked to make sacrifices in order to save lives.

Sailing Specific Summary:

Australian Sailing's initial interpretation of these new restrictions is that:

- Club organised racing is not yet permitted
- You can go sailing recreationally (not organised club racing) in a single handed dinghy with groups of up to 10 people, as long as you keep the 1.5mtr distancing
- You can go sailing recreationally (not organised club racing) in a keel boat with up to 10 people as long as you keep the 1.5mtr distancing if they do not live with you
- Participants required to arrive dressed for the activity and change at home afterwards (get in get out)
- Participants are encouraged to get the flu shot
- Participants are encouraged to download the COVIDsafe app
- Participants regularly reminded not to take part if unwell
- Participants who suddenly feel unwell to be sent home and to follow govt Health Guidelines
- Clubs are encouraged to maintain a register of people entering the premises
- Clubs are encouraged to maintain a register of participants/ competitors
- Cleaning of all equipment to take place before and after activity including participants own equipment and boats
- Rigging space and marina / dock separation should be maintained while ashore

- Sign on/off recommended to be done electronically via phone, VHF or online

Please be assured AS is working hard to get as much information to you as we can and as quickly as we can. However, we do need to ensure we give you accurate advice. We will continue to communicate with you as further information comes to hand, in the meantime more information can be found at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sport-cultural-and-recreational-activities-restrictions-coronavirus-covid19#sport-and-exercise>

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Wall".

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Regional Manager - Victoria