

LRYC SB20 class sailing SOPs updated 10th July 2020

- Now that the country has moved to Phase 3, ISA has updated their guidelines for return to sailing scheme from June 29th.
- This SOP refers to SB20 sailing activities. Members should also familiarise themselves with other Covid 19 measures in place in LRYC, for example bar, slipway, club buildings etc.
- LRYC SB20 class has been running sailing under the phase 2 guidelines since June 2020 with no issues of note.
- Noting the ISA phase 3 guidelines and their comments on avoiding an overly prescriptive approach, LRYC should support members who wish to use the club facilities to get afloat, while following all relevant H&S guidelines.
- All members to fill out the contract tracing page on www.lryc.ie every time they enter the club facilities. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- ISA guidelines now follow the 'pod' concept. A pod is a group of 2 or more households involved in an activity where social distancing may not be possible.
- Pod sizes should be kept to a minimum to reduce risk. People should continue to maintain social distancing where possible and pods should remain together for the minimum amount of time possible.
- People from different pods should not mix with people from another pod.
- The following specific measures should be included to mitigate the risks for this class when sailing from LRYC:
 - Crews to follow the pod principle outlined above and follow the ISA & LRYC guidelines.
 - All boats to carry handheld VHF, working channel between boats to be agreed before going afloat and radio check to be carried out.
 - All boats to carry anchor. All boats to carry paddles and/or outboard and bracket. This satisfies self rescue so no rescue boat required.
 - Where three or more boats are sailing, at least one to carry outboard. If there is rescue cover, the requirement for outboards is removed.
 - Crew to rig boat and only approach crane area once ready to launch
 - One trained crane operator to launch and recover all boats so no swapping of crane operator. Same operator to start and stop crane engine and to rig hook. Crane seat/ controls and engine to be disinfected after use.
 - Boats should be prepared for launching by rigging to the north of the club house to keep distant from other members that may be using the slipway/boathouse/clubhouse area.
 - Sharing of equipment between boats, (lifting straps etc) is not permitted.
 - Bow and stern lines should be handled by boats own crew.
 - Once launched, boats should proceed immediately to the floating jetty or moorings to complete rigging afloat.

- In preparing for lift out, boats should only approach the crane when fully ready to immediately lift out.
- Weather forecast to be considered before deciding to sail. An upper forecast wind strength of 20knots should be used as an upper limit for sailing.
- The decision to sail or not remains the decision for the skipper of any vessel bearing in mind their experience, conditions, forecast and preparedness of their vessel to withstand the forecasted conditions.
- De-rigging and packing up ashore should be completed away from the crane area to allow social distancing from other crews.