

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES

6 November 2020

1. Introduction of Lockdown in England

On the 31st October 2020, the UK Government announced the Introduction of a 4 week lockdown in England. This begins at 00:01 on Thursday 5th November and continues through to 23:59 on Wednesday 2nd December.

For this whole period everyone is requested to remain at home and only leave home for very specific reasons which are contained within the legislation available to read [here](#).

One allowable reason to leave home is to take exercise outside alone, with members of their household or with one other person or do this by visiting a public outdoor place for "open air recreation".

Having consulted with the RYA and reviewed the legislation, the MYA recommend that all MYA clubs should cease any organised activities and close their club and clubhouse. Club waters that are in public parks would be considered a "public outdoor place" and so the water could be used for sailing. This would allow members local to their (public park) club to potentially sail alone or with one other person, whilst following all social distancing measures by keeping at least 2m distance. It is advised that multiple groups of 2 members do not congregate at a clubs location to sail and potentially be seen as larger group.

All MYA Clubs should review the Legislation above and the National Restriction Guidance which is available [here](#) and advise their members what they are allowed to do, taking into account their location.

2. Coronavirus Firebreak in Wales (23/10/20 to 9/11/20)

This guidance for Wales came into effect at 6pm on Friday 23rd October 2020 and continues until Monday 9 November 2020.

Although outdoor exercise is still allowed in Wales, the rules do not allow you to drive to the place of exercise, nor does it allow multiple households to mix. Radio and Free sailing does not therefore appear possible in Wales for now.