

Of course the Covid Curse is with us still, but in anticipation of the boating pleasures on the horizon a VMYG Sailing Programme for 2021 has been drawn up. Because restrictions exist I would like members to apply to attend when I will be able to issue an update:

1. After 29/03/21 - The Rule of Six applies out of doors when a group may meet from any number of households. The first six to let me know will be eligible to attend. Where meeting with another club who will have their own Rule of Six, each group will be required to stay apart.
2. After 17/05/21 – up to 30 people may meet out of doors, but now indoors the Rule of Six will apply. First 30 will be eligible to attend (come on skippers time for that kind of showing!)
3. After June 21/06/21 – anticipated removal of all limits on social contact.
4. All is subject to government advisories as the stages proceed and so may change at any time. Some clubs may be more cautious still. So let me know your intentions.
5. Racing at Fleetwood, Birkenhead, Hampton Court and elsewhere constitutes organised sport and will be managed by the clubs themselves and also with reference to the MYA.
6. Throughout distancing and sensible precautions will be required with masks indoors.
7. For those wishing to read further herewith the link:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

The good news this year though is that we have a number of new venues.

*Devizes* - After the enquiries initiated by member and professional model maker Stephen Best and a reluctant start from the Town Council, we are now being made most welcome with reserved parking being sought. The Crammer Pond is set in the green and is accessible all round.

*Orpington & Crowborough* – Following our loss this year of the NLSME Toy Boat Regatta venue we have been welcomed at these ponds instead, both being boating dedicated, of shallow concrete and fully accessible. Parking and WCs available with take away drinks too. Thank you to member Andy Trimble who has been quietly assembling a database of all sorts of ponds in the UK and abroad and was able to come to our rescue.

*Frensham* – is back again for Radio sailing but a warm welcome and I understand splendid teas. Not suitable for small boats though.

*Bournville* – We return once more to this well established club who are promising 'something special' I am told at their vintage day.

*Cleethorpes* – A full programme is once more available at this well established venue

*Clapham, London Model Yacht Club, Hampton Court, and Gosport* – Back again to these old favourites and if you accept the Bank holiday traffic, Gosport is a great venue for the larger boat.

*Fleetwood & Birkenhead* – Two great locations for proper vintage free sailing racing where there are prizes once again for the highest placed vintage/classic VMs and V36s. See club announcements.

.....And finally both Andrew Peter at Birkenhead and Allan Oxlade at Hampton Court await yours calls for vintage radio and free sailing Events, which they have offered to organise. Many thanks to both.

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