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CORONAVIRUS-REQUEST TO ALL RECREATIONAL VESSELS

We are pleased to see guidance from Defra this morning on access to green spaces which indicates that boating on the water is possible in England.

“All forms of water sports practiced on open waterways, including sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, surfing, paddle-boarding and the use of **privately-owned motorised craft** are now permitted under the new guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-guidance-on-access-to-green-spaces>

We understand that you want to be on the water as soon as possible but to ensure that we, and all other boatyard/launching facilities have time to bring back staff, assess risks and prepare social distancing and potential hygiene measures, privately owned motor craft will be permitted to launch and use the estuary from **MONDAY 18TH MAY**.

Jet-skis, jet-boards, power-boards, water bikes, aqua scooters and/or similar personal water craft are NOT permitted to use the estuary at any time (PHC byelaw #63).

Vessel owners are to ensure that their craft is serviceable and seaworthy prior to use and make every attempt to remain safe to reduce the chance of requiring assistance and to not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services.

You must only partake in such activities alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while practising social distancing.

Travelling distance to enjoy your activity is acceptable but please note, leaving your home - the place you live - to stay at another home is not allowed, including second homes.

You must contact the Harbour office or Berthingmasters to obtain permission to use moorings where you will be asked questions to declare your compliance with the above stipulations.

Please check www.padstow-harbour.co.uk for the latest notices to mariners and safety notices as well as safety procedures before proceeding on the water. For information on use of moorings please contact the Harbour Office or Rock Berthingmaster.

UNLESS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THE HARBOUR REMAINS CLOSED TO VISITING YACHTS.

ALWAYS MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. The Harbour Authority will not hesitate to reintroduce lockdown for leisure craft should there be any deviation from current government guidelines. **STAY ALERT – CONTROL THE VIRUS – SAVE LIVES**

Bryn Phillips
Padstow Harbour Master