



Dinghy Section Cruising Guidelines

Covid-19 Addendum

Introduction

There is considerable pleasure to be had from simply sailing around, exploring some of the further reaches of our harbour, and doing it in the company of others, for the social, shared experience and mutual support possible from such cruising activity. For the more experienced sailor there is the opportunity to share one's experience whilst providing less experienced sailors the opportunity to develop their sailing in a mutually supportive way. These events will not normally be supported by an accompanying Club power boat, but members might choose to participate under power (eg parents of a youth member).

Communication

Proposed cruise events will be announced on Flag It Up, prepared by the volunteer lead, with a proposed time, forecast as available, and call for expressions of interest to take part. The volunteer lead will use CYCDiscord plus WhatsApp group(s) to communicate intentions and necessary information.

Group leader to have a personal VHF radio and waterproofed phone with CYC contact details should 3rd party assistance be needed (in extremis).

General principles

- Level 1 guidelines for Social Distancing in the Dinghy Park and on the water applies.
- No rafting up unless boats from same household bubble, or able to maintain 2 m separation (eg joined by long painter bow to stern)
- Keep together (in sight of each other) to provide mutual support
- Smaller groups if larger numbers of boats participating; groups by performance of boat; group leaders assigned
- Minimum standard – helms must be Dinghy RYA adult level 2 or at least as good as.
- Participation at own risk – Adopt RYA Considerate (degree to which participants might be putting themselves, and hence others, at risk) and Conservative (self-assessment of ability and prevailing conditions; lead choice of destination taking into account number of boats, classes, crew abilities) approach.
- Group lead empowered to cancel / adjust the cruise based on weather, participant discipline / ability / compliance with social distancing etc.