

Shoresports 2020 Covid19 Pandemic Operating Procedures

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Background

- § In December 2019, a novel coronavirus (COVID -19) caused an outbreak in Wuhan, China, and soon spread to other parts of the world. It is believed that COVID-19 is transmitted through the respiratory and contact.
- § In March 2020 the government announced that, in order to slow the spread of the virus, people could only exercise for 1 hour and they said this should be walk, cycle or run.
- § On 10th May 2020 the government announced that unlimited outdoor activities were now encouraged for England. As a result companies such as Shoresports are allowed to operate as long as they adhere to government guidelines.
- § British Canoeing and the RYA have produced guidance as a result of the government announcement with the BC stating - **This confirms that facilities associated with outdoor sports have been permitted to reopen from 13 May, subject to them being ready to do so safely.**
- § As a result the decision was made that Shoresports would open, with restricted activities, from 16th May 2020.

Goals during the pandemic

1. Shoresports will keep up to date with the latest government advice and guidelines as it continues to change.

2. To keep up to date with the latest advice and guidelines from National Government Bodies.
3. Provide a safe environment in which to exercise and partake in watersports.
4. Provide high quality equipment and tuition, which is clean and safe to use.

General Considerations

No-one with any symptoms of COVID-19 should attend Shoresports. And a specific question about Covid-19 has been added to our customer online waiver form.

As it stands we will be only operating lessons on a one student to one instructor basis, to enable social distancing. This applies to both shore based and water based lessons.

All customers are to be made aware of the need to keep their distance, whilst on the water and on land. If there are multiple lessons happening then it is the instructor's responsibility to make sure that social distancing is happening whilst on the water.

When taking bookings and giving information, it should clearly state the short term changes due to COVID-19 situation and current requirements.

Where possible customers should use their own device, such as a phone, to complete the customer waiver form prior to arriving at Mudeford.

Staff are to avoid handling cash and to encourage the use of contactless payments with the iZettle card reader.

For all practical training apply a higher level of caution to reduce risk of incident, e.g. reef sails much earlier to reduce the risk of incident and consider reducing the upper limit of wind strength you would normally operate under.

Where young children are being taught, parents are to assist their children in changing into any activity clothing, to prevent unnecessary instructor intervention and to manage the time efficiently.

We should consider staggering the start and end times for the day where multiple courses are being delivered to ensure limited numbers of people congregating at any one time.

Where possible utilise students' own PFDs/wetsuits/waterproofs etc. Reasonable steps should be taken to ensure any student owned equipment is serviceable and suitable.

If appropriate, issue specific equipment to a student for the duration of the course, be it PPE or course equipment. This can be stored in the Shoresports trailer or taken home by the customer and brought back the following day.

Only staff (including May family) are to go on or in the trailer. If more than one member of staff are working 2m distances must be kept.

Cleaning Equipment

Appropriate cleaning procedures are being adapted to help prevent the transmission of coronavirus.

To ensure that this is being done Shoresports has created a checklist, see below, for the different items that need cleaning and how this is to be done.

Cleaning checklist:

Wetsuits and Buoyancy Aids

- After every use all wetsuits and buoyancy aids are to be washed in a Bio-friendly disinfectant, rinsed in fresh water and then left for 24 hours. If the wetsuit and/or buoyancy aid has been in contact with someone suspected of having Covid19, that suit should be washed, as above, and then hung for 72 hours before being used again.

Technology

- The Shoresports phone should only be used by Nick, or the May family.
- The company tablets and iZettle card reader should be wiped down with antibacterial wipes at the end of each day.

Paddles and Windsurf Booms

- All paddles should be wiped or sprayed down before use.
- All windsurfing booms should be sprayed with cleaner after every use.