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Procedure for access to Tonbridge Canoe Club site and for use of club boats and equipment during the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Please note that it is not possible to guarantee that surfaces are not contaminated with SARS-CoV-2 or that persons present are not infectious, however, these procedures have been written to minimise the risk of spreading viral infection through the use of club equipment.

Access to club facilities;

Only the boat stores will be open for access; there will be no access to the changing rooms, toilets or social room area. Arrive ready to paddle. There will be no secure location for leaving valuables.

All persons attending the club must maintain a minimum distance of 2m between household groups at all times.

Paddling and coaching groups must comply with government and BC guidance on maximum group size and separation. (As of 30/07/20 update this means a maximum of 6 persons in a group maintaining 2m separation at all times).

The minimum required number of persons, and no more than one household group, may be inside a boat store at one time except to assist with carrying boats, when persons must maintain a minimum of 2m separation.

At scheduled sessions, book your arrival time by email to bookings@tonbridgecanooclub.org.uk.

When waiting to access the club, queue outside the gate with a separation of 2m between household groups.

Time spent on club premises must be minimised; please get you boat and launch. After paddling, clean your boat and leave the premises immediately. Changing at the club should be avoided where possible.

Outside of scheduled sessions, attendance should be logged via the website or using the QR code displayed at the club with the NHS COVID-19 App on a smart phone. Any positive test for COVID-19 must be notified to the club secretary.

Operation of Locks;

The minimum possible contact should be made with locks and door furniture.

Use only your own key, do not lend it to other members.

After operation of locks, use the alcohol spray provided to sanitise them.

Use hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser has been provided but it cannot be guaranteed that any will be available at time of use so members should bring their own.

On leaving the club, close doors without touching locks where possible. Use your own key to operate the deadlocks.

Follow government guidelines regarding use of hand sanitiser.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Use of boats and equipment

It cannot be guaranteed that the last person to touch equipment followed this procedure so equipment should be sprayed with the alcohol based sanitiser spray provided before you touch it.

Members are urged to acquire and use their own personal flotation devices (PFDs) in preference to use of club PFDs.

When on the river, paddle only in household groups or with up to five people from other households, maintaining a minimum separation of 2m.

Paddle in a boat you are confident in and from which you can self rescue as social distancing will make peer rescues difficult!

On return to the club, minimise time on the premises and follow the access procedure above.

Return equipment to the boat store then spray all areas where contact has occurred, particularly cockpit rim, handles and paddle shafts with alcohol based sanitiser provided. Boats are to be allowed to dry naturally.

Remember; you will need to sanitise any other boats you have touched in order to reach your chosen boat.

If a club PFD is required then it can be borrowed on a long term basis using a club equipment loan form.

Club PFDs used during scheduled sessions will be quarantined for 3 days before returning to the hooks.

Courses and Coaching

No member may engage in paddling activities away from the club unless;

1) They have demonstrated the ability to empty a boat of water and re-embark from the water or a natural bank edge without assistance.

OR

2) They paddle only with a family member capable of assisting in the case of a capsized.