



## **Lifting of Coronavirus Legislation**

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Members,

It has been an exceedingly difficult and arduous eighteen months for everyone.

I cannot remember a period in my lifetime where so many restrictions have been placed on us as individuals, and indeed on the Yacht Club. This has been backed up by legislation to ensure compliance to save lives, plus the enforced closure of our Yacht Club for long periods to ensure the safety of our members.

Well, so far the Coronavirus seriously underestimated the resolve of the British people and our Club members. We certainly fought it on the beaches of our fantastic Yacht Club and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future! Let us not underestimate this vile disease and I urge all of us to remain vigilant.

Tomorrow on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 we will go down in the annals of history as 'Freedom Day' where most of the Coronavirus laws will be removed giving us back some resemblance of normality. This is something that I welcome and I look very much forward to.

What does this mean for the club and our members? Will it allow us to a return to 'service as usual' with all restrictions be lifted? This is what we understand:-

- No restrictions on numbers, table of six has gone, tables service no longer a requirement.
- Gatherings of thirty people outdoors gone.
- The wearing of face masks is no longer a lawful requirement when not seated at a table.
- Our changing room facilities can open.
- We can withdraw our Coronavirus Policy and Guidance.

That is the good news, now for the reality check!!!

As you will know the new variant of the virus is on the up and we still need to be very conscientious, careful and respectful of individuals personal decisions. Moving forward then.

Firstly, it is still very important that when you bring a guest into the club that you ensure that they are correctly signed in with their contact details.

If members wish to voluntarily continue to wear face masks when using our club that is fine, we will continue to supply hand sanitiser and I urge members to continue to use it and prevent any spread of the virus.

Personal hygiene is again at the top of the agenda and we will continue to leave notices up as a reminder. On that note, we will continue to supply a new glass when you buy a drink.

The screens currently adorning the bar will be removed and we will store them - just in case.

We still cannot open the Changing Rooms as we are awaiting the company who will flood the showers out to make them safe to come back to us. Sorry about that but it looks like we are down on their list!

This is a big step forward. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July will be the first day the club will be open following 'Freedom Day' and, as the weather is looking good, the sailors will be out on the water at 7pm the bar will be open from 4pm.

It will be fantastic to see you all back and enjoying the club facilities so, do come down, celebrate and enjoy our amazing Yacht Club, support the sailors on the water and let us make up for lost time.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Paul  
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