



GBC Club Sailing Delayed. 6th June 2020

Hello, as I write this to you, outside my window the winds are ballistic, the rain is persistent, and so, clearly, sailing is not possible anyway!

We know that some of you will be disappointed, but we think it's in everyone's best interests to take a cautious approach.

On your behalf, the GBC Committee has decided that, at least for the next 2 weeks, there will be NO Club Supported Sailing.

The GBC Committee is keen to keep you updated on whatever our plans are for Sailing: Phase 1.

Today we have decided that, at least for the next 2 weeks,

1. Sailing is restricted to Club Sailors who have their own boats.
2. There will be no support boat available from the Gairloch Boat Club.
Sailing will be at your own risk. It is suggested that you adopt a "buddy" system, whereby you sail with another sailor in their own boat.
3. No access to the Club House. If you need access to the Club House to remove sailing kit, contact me to arrange access.
4. The Harbour toilets are open.
5. Members are reminded that all existing guidelines, including maintaining the correct social distancing, must be adhered to.

Review. On a weekly basis we will review the situation in the light of advice & guidance from all the relevant authorities & all experiences from around the UK.

We are keen that as a Community-based organisation we are seen to be abiding by the guidelines, in order to minimise the infection risks.

Earlier today I heard an interview with a Doctor at the Gairloch & Aultbea Medical Practice. The advice is:-

"Be cautious, be respectful of each other & be kind. The virus has not gone away. As lockdown starts to ease & people start to increase their movements, we may need to increase our vigilance rather than relax it.

We are still at risk, particularly as we have, so far, been isolated from this pandemic".

Regards, Phil Youell, Secretary, Gairloch Boat Club.