

## **F.A.O. Clubs and Centres in Scotland**

Colleagues

Following on from the First ministers most recent announcements on the further easing of restrictions please find attached the latest version of RYA Scotland Guidance.

This specifically looks at the position that is **expected** from 19 July 2021. The Scottish Government seem set on their course for easing restrictions but have not confirmed this solidly so there is always a small possibility that things do not pan out quite as expected. We will naturally let you know as soon as we do.

What is not in this version is any guidance that relates to 'Beyond Level 0'. This is simply not known at this time. The Scottish Government are keeping their cards close for now and no information is available to help prepare for what this will look like. Listening to the rhetoric, I do think we can expect virtually all restrictions to be removed with only minor mitigations remaining but as said, this is not confirmed.

In this version I would draw your attention to the key points on page 4 as a quick reference to the big changes. Most important for many is probably the ability to operate indoors. There are caveats and some considerations around ventilation but this is now an option for those who particularly want or need to move some activity indoors.

It is heartening to be able to say that it does feel that we are getting back to good levels of activity and I hope you are finding that this is the case yourselves. I am reluctant to suggest 'back to normal' as I do think our 'old normal' might be something we should all reconsider given the experiences of the last 18 months. Perhaps this is your club or centres great opportunity to re-imagine what your normal could look like.

Change was forced upon us by the pandemic. Boating in Scotland adapted and continued and some have suggested that we rediscovered the core of what it is to be part of the boating community, to be together to have fun.

With that in mind I trust the season will enable your members, friends and customers to come together and enjoy boating through your clubs and centres. As ever if you have any queries regarding guidance or perhaps how to re-imagine your normal then do get in touch with the team at RYA Scotland.

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