



## Back to Boating - Joint Task Force

### Pwllheli

Wednesday, 27 May 2020

The work of the Task Force is to ensure that our return to boating is achieved as soon as possible, in a safe, considerate, and responsible manner.

This is achieved by being prepared for the various stages of the easing of restrictions.

We will publish our strategies and policies and carry out risk assessments as found relevant to the activities carried out at the facilities of the Welsh National Sailing Academy and Event Centre.



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## Introduction - Gerallt Williams – Joint Task Force Leader

I am delighted to lead on the Joint Task Force to get us back to boating in Pwllheli at the earliest possible date.

As Vice Commodore of CHPSC and a boat owner I believe I am well placed to fulfil the duties of this role with the assistance of the Task Force members.

This is a collaborative team approach to the complexities of returning to boating. My aim is to bring together a team of likeminded people who can achieve the goals of the Task Force.

CHPSC and many other user groups rely on the use of the facilities of the Welsh National Sailing Academy and Event Centre

The initial work of the Task Force is to consider the legal framework, remit and authority of the group as well as to set the territory and groups represented.

The strategies and policies will then follow the results of the various risk assessments

**Gerallt Williams**  
**Vice Commodore**  
**Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club**



## Background to the Formation of the Joint Task Force

RYA Cymru Wales, our governing body published the 'Return to Boating in Wales – a Pathway to Recovery' document on 15th May. This included the 'Club Guidance' document which recommends that Clubs and Associations set up a 'Covid-19 team'.

The Flag Officers of Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club and the Directors of Plas Heli Cyf identified the need to set up a 'Back to Boating Task Force' relevant to the facilities of The Welsh National Sailing Academy and Event Centre which includes a number of user group with varied needs and expectations.

An open invitation was published by e-newsletter on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to seek out representations from all user groups and achieve a complete matrix of required skills.

An induction meeting is planned for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May by Zoom led by the Task Force leader Gerallt Williams – Vice Commodore of CHPSC.

The Task Force will confirm the remit and territory, areas of responsibilities and the user groups represented.

The Task Force will follow the guidance which form the legal framework for our phased return to boating:

- RYA Cymru Wales in the 'Return to Boating in Wales – a Pathway to Recovery',
- the latest 'Government Roadmap Guidelines' and
- the current 'Notice to Mariners' for Pwllheli Harbour
- any other relevant Regulation or Guidelines

The Task Force will ensure that preparation works are undertaken in advance of the easing of restrictions so that our return to boating is achieved as soon as possible and in a safe, prepared, considerate, and responsible manner.

To achieve this goal, we must publish our strategies and policies, undertake relevant risk assessments, and carry out the recommendations of the Task Force.

Easing of Restrictions will vary with time and as we progress down the Governments Roadmap.

This document is a working document and will be updated as conditions dictate.





## Territory

The buildings, land and Pontoons in the use of Plas Heli the Welsh National Sailing Academy and Event Centre. Including Carparks and beach access for launching dinghies.

This task Force will not consider the wider areas of the Glan Don peninsula or the Hafan and Harbour.



## Remit

The remit for the Task Force is to set policies and strategies required for our return to boating as found relevant to the 'Territory'

Undertake risk assessments and methods for implementing the recommendations.

Ensuring compliance with the recommendations.



## User Groups

The Task Force seeks representation from all user groups who use the facilities of The Welsh National Sailing Academy and Event Centre.

and to engage with a wide range of boating user groups not only within the sailing club but also as all those who use the facilities at

The user groups and subsections identified include the following:

- CHPSC
  - Dinghy
  - Cruising
  - Racing
- CHIPAC
- Plas Heli
  - Compound users
  - Pontoon Users
  - Car Park Users
- Plas Heli Caterers
  - Café
  - Bar
  - Restaurant
- Rowing Club
- Rotary Club

## Matrix of Skills and Representation

A matrix of Skills and abilities are required to fulfil the full remit of the 'Back to Boating Task Force' from the setting up and conducting the various risk assessments, producing guidelines and policies, implementing the recommendations and ensuring compliance.



## Consultation

The task Force will consult with the following authorities / Organisations

- RYA Cymru Wales – the Governing Body for Boating in Wales
- RNLI
- Gwynedd Council as the Harbour Authority, and the
- Hafan Marina Management.
- Other

## Actions

1 Form a Covid-19 Team - The Task Force - Established



## 2 Confirm What is Permitted

On 26<sup>th</sup> May – From April everything is closed and no access other than to maintain and inspect property, equipment and members boats.

**Authority** – Welsh Government and Notice to Mariners 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 [here](#)

**Conclusion** – carry on with inspections – carried out by Richard Tudor. Expect some relaxation of restrictions announced on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and react accordingly on the advice published by RYA Cymru Wales

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Maritime and Country Parks Unit

**LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS**

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**Managing COVID-19**

Following Government Guidance and Orders with regard to the Corona Virus COVID-19 outbreak in the United Kingdom, Gwynedd Council as the Competent Harbour Authority for the Harbour of Porthmadog and the Statutory Harbour Authority for the Harbours of Pwllheli, Abermaw (Barmouth) and Aberdyfi hereby give notice that with the exception of Registered and Certified commercial fishing vessel operators, all harbour operations, activities and vessel movements in the harbours of Porthmadog, Pwllheli, Abermaw (Barmouth) and Aberdyfi is suspended with immediate effect until further notice.

This notice also applies to the suspension of small Ferry operations.

No mooring operations are to be undertaken in any of the aforesaid harbours including the laying, picking up or maintenance of any mooring in harbour waters. Leisure fishing operations or activities are not permitted.

The launching, lifting, or recovery of any type of vessel, craft, boat, sailboard or any other type of apparatus able to utilise harbour waters is not permitted and all harbour slipways will remain closed until further notice.

Operators of Registered and Certified Commercial fishing vessels are advised to navigate with extreme caution when navigating in the channel approaches due to sudden and undetected movements in the course of the navigable channels.

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### 3 Assess risk, Decide Controls - Actions and Risk assessments - in anticipation of Easing Of Restrictions

Sub-Groups to work on area and activity Risk Assessments:

Group/Sub-Group	Lead	Territory	Activities
CHIPAC	James Evans	Compound & Beach	Dinghy maintenance, beach launching
Pontoons		Plas Heli Pontoons	No boats on Pontoons at 27 <sup>th</sup> May

