

RYA Cymru Wales Position Statement on Covid-19

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Following the UK Government announcement last night [Sunday, 10th May, 2020] on easing restrictions of lockdown, RYA Cymru Wales notes that watersports will be able to resume in England on Wednesday, 13th May 2020. RYA are waiting on further clarity on the level of boating that will be allowed in England ONLY.

Welsh Government's position [Announcement on Friday 8th May, 2020] hasn't changed and therefore any boating activity, including access to boats, clubs, training centres, marinas, ports, harbours and inland waterways must remain suspended for now.

On-going work on the 'Return to Boating' plan is taking place, however clear guidelines in Wales means that exercise can only start and finish local to your home, with travel deemed only for essential shopping and work. We are currently working alongside the RYA on guidance on the 'Return to Boating' plan which when released this week will only be relevant to England, but learning from this will allow us here in Wales to adopt swiftly once we're released back on the water.

RYA Cymru Wales understands that a number of boat owners live outside of Wales, and have been given guidelines they are allowed to travel any distance to exercise, however boats, clubs, marinas in Wales will be governed by Welsh law and that applies to all nationalities crossing the Welsh border. Therefore you are NOT permitted to visits boats, marinas or clubs in Wales.

In addition, RYA Cymru Wales alongside the RYA and the other Home Countries have extended the suspension of Organised Activity and Events until the 30th of June.

RYA Cymru Wales are working alongside their key stakeholders of Sport Wales, Welsh Sports Association, Outdoor Alliance, Adventure Smart UK and the RYA to work with Welsh Government to promote safe boating.

Keep safe, keep well, keep smiling