

**Putney Town Rowing Club Risk Assessment for returning to Rowing during COVID-19
Pandemic July 2020**

Please read this risk assessment as an addendum to the to Putney Town Rowing 'Risk Assessment For Rowers V1.09' which can be found on the member page under 'useful information'

Updated 28/07/2020

Background

Putney Town Rowing Club has been closed to members since Friday 20th March following Government Guidance to close all leisure facilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic. New guidance has allowed a phased approach to reopening. You will find below government and governing body links along with club specific hazard/risk points.

Nb. This list risk assessment is not exhaustive and is subject to continual change. Please direct any comments to safety@putneytownrc.co.uk

Updated government guidance on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation (17/07/2020)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation>

Updated British Rowing guidance on Phasing a Safe Return to rowing (23/07/2020)

<https://www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/200723-Coronavirus-Advice-Returning-to-Rowing-v5-2.pdf>

Exterior and General Access

Hazard Point & Risk	Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Precautions & Actions
Accessing the club	unlikely	moderate	3	Individuals are to make their own risk assessment as to whether they are fit to attend the club. They must take responsibility for sanitising their hands to limit contagion. They must not attend the club if they or any of their household have symptoms in line with government guidelines. Access to the club is by fob use only for members and is approved by the Committee.
Car Park	unlikely	trivial	1	Occupants must park and exit safely from other cars and maintain a 2 m distance walking to the club. Avoid

				using public transport where possible as per government guidelines.
Access steps to clubhouse	unlikely	moderate	3	One way system in place. Access to the clubhouse in an e only. All wellies will be stored under the clubhouse steps. Wellies must be taken home after use or store safely under the allocated boat.
Engine Store and Petrol Store	unlikely	moderate	3	Engine store and padlock to be sprayed regularly.

PTRC Club House Internal

Hazard Point & Risk	Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Precautions & Actions
New circulation pattern for entry to the clubhouse	likely	substantial	4	Entry via fob through kitchen stairs. Pull the door open and enter kitchen area hallway. To access hall use shoulder to push fire door open. Walk straight through the hallway to access toilets where the fire door and changing room doors will be wedged open to limit hand contact.
hallway	likely	substantial	4	Covid-19 could be passed on through accessing doors. Clubhouse remains closed except for toilet and bar access. Exit through the main hallway door using elbow to push green exit button.
Gents changing room	likely	substantial	4	Changing rooms to be accessed for use of toilets only. Please sanitize any areas of contact with spray provided and as always wash hands for 20 seconds after use. Showers only to be used in the event of an emergency capsizing. Members advised to keep all valuables in a dry bag (contents should include, fob, rigger jigger, hand sanitiser, phone and pen),

				and take it with them on the river.
Ladies changing room	likely	substantial	4	As above.
Kitchen	likely	substantial	4	Small space won't allow for safe social distancing. Touching the oven, cups, glasses, crockery, cutlery, utensils and other equipment poses too high risk. Kitchen, bar and bar store should therefore not be accessible to general members and signposted accordingly. Limited access to committee members and authorised bar staff. Cleaning of contact points to be encouraged during as well as at the end of every service.
Hall (erging)	unlikely	moderate	3	Entry by fob (for track and trace). 10 ergs laid out in set spaces facing away. Open windows for ventilation. They are not to be moved. Fans are prohibited. Ergos not to be moved from their positions. Members wait for one to become free .All equipment to be sprayed before and after use. One hour maximum.
Gym (weights)	unlikely	moderate	3	Entry by fob (for track and trace) Spray equipment before and after use. One hour maximum for use. Keep the door open when in use. 4 people max maintaining social distance at all times.
Attic	likely	substantial	4	Remains closed to members. Authorised access only.
Bar	likely	substantial	4	As above Bar to be cleared to allow for as much social distancing as possible.
Bar Store	Likely	substantial	4	As above
Balcony	likeky	substantial	4	The indoor bar/hall area may be utilised to provide table service

				when the bar is open and weather not conducive to outdoor service. Mobilising around the building will be discouraged but balcony doors may be opened to improve ventilation.
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Boathouse

Hazard Point & Risk	Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Precautions & Actions
Boat bays	unlikely	moderate	3	maximum 2 person per boat bay at any time taking out a double. Launches will be removed from the bay when accessing boats.
Blade racks	unlikely	moderate	3	All blades may be touched by other members. Blades must be washed before and after use to limit risk of contamination.
Boats	unlikely	moderate	3	Maintain individual boat allocation for singles (only up to 5 to assigned users). Boats to be washed after use. Damage to be reported to Captain.
Crew boats	unlikely	moderate	3	All individuals to make their own decisions as to whether they are comfortable returning to crew boats. Bow steers sign out and then add their crew for track and trace purposes.(Information will be held for 21 days only). Crew to bring their own face coverings to maintain social distancing with mitigation if less than 2m apart. Each member is responsible for washing their own portion of the boat.
Coxing	unlikely	moderate	3	Cox boxes must be wiped down before and after use. Cox to bring own cloth face covering. Plastic Face shields for coxes will be stored in the cox box cupboard they must

				be sprayed before and after use.
Launch trailers	unlikely	moderate	3	<p>3x Polar launches, 1x Rib launch to and 2 fixed be used.</p> <p>Each launch can be handled by up to 6 athletes maintaining appropriate social distance currently 2m or 1m+ with mitigation (face covering facing away from each other).</p> <p>Launches assigned to specific coaches who must have a mobile phone in case they need rescue assistance. Coaches will be expected to sanitise touch points with spray provided after outings.</p> <p>Each launch will have an allocated numbered safety bag. Each bag will be equipped with 2 sets of PPE (mask, gloves, apron) which the coach and rescued athlete need to don to return to the club in the launch.</p>
Engines	unlikely	moderate	3	<p>2x electric engines and 2x 15hp 2 stroke engines to be used (as they are light enough to be carried by one athlete to maintain social distancing). Club regs have been changed to allow athletes to carry launch, battery and engine separately.</p>
Waterside doors	unlikely	moderate	3	<p>Members to use hand sanitiser after using doors and door closing bolts.</p>
Boat trestles	unlikely	moderate	3	<p>Trestles must be used when boating but will be washed with the boat and store in each bay. hands must be washed/sanitised after use.</p>
clutter at doors: buckets, hose, soap, first aid kit, signing out sheets.	unlikely	moderate	3	<p>Touching all these items will be a hazard risk although we now sign out using an electronic form to reduce risk. Members struggling with technology can still use the paper sign out with their own pen and need to recognise the increased</p>

				<p>risk.</p> <p>The first aid kit is located above the paper sign out.</p> <p>Buckets must be emptied of water after use and hands washed immediately after touching anything in the boathouse.</p>
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Club Exterior and Access to the River

Hazard Point & Risk	Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Precautions & Actions
boat steps to river	unlikely	moderate	3	Up to 12 people on the steps at any time boating or returning to keep a safe distance.
Concrete Hard standing on river side outside club	unlikely	moderate	3	Maintain a safe distance as per government guidance. Boats to be speedily washed and put away to avoid congestion.
Gates with padlocks	unlikely	moderate	3	Gates & padlocks must be closed and locked at all times so may represent a potential hazard. These will be cleaned daily by a Committee member. Hands must be washed/sanitised after contact.

Hazard Points on the River

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Sculling on the river	unlikely	moderate	3	Maintaining a distance of 2m, keeping a good lookout, alerting other river users to your presence.
Safe practice while sculling on the river	unlikely	moderate	3	<p>All water members are now allowed once granted access and allocated a boat. Buddy up if possible and follow government guidance at all times.</p> <p>Always take a phone when you boat. Do avoid going out at high tide as per your risk assessment</p>

				when planning an outing.
Coaching Outings on the River	unlikely	moderate	3	Club organised coaching is now allowed for all squad athletes if accompanied by the coach.