

## 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'

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### **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](mailto:safety@putneytownrc.co.uk)

Updated government guidance on the phased return of outdoor sport and recreation (30/06/2020)

<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 (29/06/2020)

<https://www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/200629-Coronavirus-Advice-Returning-to-Rowing-v4.pdf>

### **Exterior and General Access**

<b>Hazard Point &amp; Risk</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Precautions &amp; Actions</b>
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 water 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	Access to the clubhouse in an emergency 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**

<b>Hazard Point &amp; Risk</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Precautions &amp; Actions</b>
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 capsized. 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.
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.

### Boathouse

Hazard Point & Risk	Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Precautions & Actions
boat bays	unlikely	moderate	3	1 person per boat bay at any time except for household members taking out a double. Launches will be moved to Bay 1.
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	Minimised boat allocation to assigned users (ideally 2). Boats to

				be washed after use. Damage to be reported to Captain.
Launch trailers	unlikely	moderate	3	3x Polar launches and 1x Rib launch to be used. Each launch can be handled by up to 4 athletes maintaining appropriate social distance currently 2m or 1m+ with mitigation ( face covering facing away from each other). 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. 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.
Engines	unlikely	moderate	3	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.
Waterside doors	unlikely	moderate	3	Members to use hand sanitiser after using doors and door closing bolts.
Boat trestles	unlikely	moderate	3	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.
clutter at doors: buckets, hose, soap, first aid kit, signing out sheets.	unlikely	moderate	3	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

				<p>and need to recognise the increased 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 6 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	Steercert scullers and those who've passed their theory are allowed (with supervision). Buddy up if possible with a maximum of 6 in an outing as per government guidance. Always take a phone when you boat. Do avoid going out at high tide as per your risk assessment 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 up to a maximum of 6 inclusive of the coach.
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