

Social Distancing Measures for Launching and Recovery of Yachts at Brough and Winteringham Havens

With the present restrictions in place by the Government the Committee feels that this activity can take place safely by up to 5 Members (Members launching small yachts/keelboats off their trailer can safely do this with less people). To ensure we comply, the driver of the Club's tractor needs to be at all times self-isolated within the tractor during any launch/recovery. The hoist can be prepared and positioned safely by other members prior to the operation ensuring social distancing.

Method Statement

All Members should follow the current Club rules regarding who is able to operate the tractor and have received training in the correct operation of the hoist.

It is important that any team wishing to perform a lifting operation contact the relevant Club Mate with details of each person. The Mate will make a decision as to whether the operation can proceed.

Tractor Driver

The driver must at all times be socially isolated from any other members.

1. The key is collected from the relevant Club House along with cleaning materials and a hand held radio (clean the radio with a disinfectant wipe prior to use)
2. The driver should have gloves (and a face covering if deemed appropriate)
3. Before entering the tractor, all door handles should be cleaned with disinfectant
4. Inside the tractor, all controls need to be disinfected with spray bleach or a suitable cleaning product.
5. Start the tractor and test that the hand held radio is working correctly with a member of the team
6. Do not leave the cab or open a window during any operation unless in the case of an emergency, or the 2m social distancing can be maintained.
7. On completion of use, the tractor must be thoroughly cleaned again with the radio and key returned to the Club House.
8. Any defects/damage needs to be reported to the relevant Mate

Hoist Team

1. It is important that social distancing is followed at all times
2. One member to collect hand held radio from the Club House and test with the tractor driver that clear communication is possible (clean the radio with a disinfectant wipe prior to use)
3. Gloves and PPE as directed in the Risk Assessments should be worn at all times
4. Before any launch/recovery takes place one member of the team must be on the hard standing to direct the tractor at all times by use of the radio.
5. Once down the slip or recovered to the hard standing the hoist ladder can be used to gain access to the hoist/disembark
6. After the lift, all lifting equipment to be returned and the hoist to be cleaned
7. Report any defects/damage to the relevant Mate