



# OTRC Return to Rowing

Following British Rowing, the Environmental Agency and the H.M. Government's guidance we are planning a limited re-opening of the rowing club.

The safety of all OTRC members and their families is our primary concern, so we must all act in both the spirit and to the letter of the Government guidance to protect everyone's health.

It is important to remember that this is not a return to normal operations, but in line with BR's 'Safe Return to Rowing' **Phase B** –

- No organised club activity.
- Use of club & private boats & equipment may be possible subject to the club having appropriate Covid-19-related plans in place.

At this stage, the guidance that affects what we can and cannot do boils down to:

- People in England can now spend unlimited time outdoors for exercise or leisure purposes.
- Two people from different households can meet outdoors, as long as they stay more than 2m apart.

With all that in mind, we are now able to allow the following to boat at any one time:

## **2 x Singles**

*(this can be two people from different households, so long as 2m distancing is observed)*

OR

## **1 x Double**

*(but only if this two people from the same household)*

- You can only take out a single if you can get in and out of the boat without anyone else's help.
- You must be competent enough to complete a solo outing with minimal risk to yourself and other river users. You must be able to recover yourself and your equipment if you capsize alone.
- There will be **no** safety launches available, as it is impossible to launch and retrieve the launches and remain 2m apart.
- Since there will be no safety launch cover, there can be no junior or recreational rowing at this stage.
- All outings must still be follow the rules of the OTRC Safety Policy and BR's RowSafe.



- We strongly advise that anyone who is shielded or in any of the high risk categories should not be out rowing at this time.
- You will need to use the antibacterial wipes to wipe the blade handles, and wash the boat, riggers and inside of the boat with washing up liquid and water (on top of filing cabinet).
- Please remember to wash your hands when you get home.
- Please take your rubbish home after your outing.
- Cambridge House and the upstairs of the boathouse will remain closed.
- You **must** book the boat out online so others know what times to avoid you! (if you don't know which boat you will need please ask). Please book it out for 1.5hours maximum.
- Please let someone at home know when you should be back, and tell what to do if you don't come back as expected.
- If you are looking to row but don't have a key please speak to myself or Simon first.
- If you are not currently working, please consider when you are going to row and leave time at weekends for those who are working during the week.

Please note: the guidance is continuously changing and we will keep updating our guidance to be in line with these changes as best we can.