

SAFE WORK GUIDELINES FOR STAFF AND CUSTOMERS DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

IF YOU HAVE SUFFERED FROM COVID19 AND WANT TO CONTINUE SCUBA DIVING AND FREE DIVING IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU HAVE A DIVING MEDICAL AND CHEST X RAY TO DISCOVER THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO YOUR LUNGS AND OTHER ORGANS.

PLEASE SEE: <https://www.bsac.com/news-and-blog/covid-19-what-divers-need-to-understand> for more information

If you or someone in your household or your support bubble is showing coronavirus symptoms, everyone in your support bubble should stay home. If you or a member of your support bubble is contacted as part of the test and trace programme, the individual contacted should stay at home. If that individual becomes symptomatic, everyone in the support bubble must then isolate. This is critical to staying safe and saving lives

We will review the guidance regularly as regulations are updated. Our guidance is developed from the knowledge and understanding of the risks, current scientific evidence and guidance from the government and relevant authorities such as PADI, BSAC, SSI, BDSG etc. The safety of our customers, passengers, staff and crew is of paramount importance.

OFFICE/SHOP

Only one person in the dive shop at a time unless is a family group or support bubble of no more than 5 at a time. People queuing outside must maintain at least a 1 metre distance apart. Kick cone into middle of the door to show that you are in the shop and kick to the side when exiting.

Customers and staff must use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the shop/office. Hand sanitizer is available to use around Porthkerris or for sale in the shop. We ask that everyone brings their own individual hand sanitiser and uses it regularly.

Each group must designate a group leader to liaise with the office to minimise the amount of people needing to come into the office.

Card and BACS payments to be used where possible. Ideally payments can be made in advance of the trip.

Within the office people must stay a minimum of 1m away from staff.

Customers must try not to handle goods in the shop. Any goods handled must be given to a member of staff to disinfect before returning to the shop. Please ask a member of staff if you need anything from the shop, to reduce handling items.

TOILETS AND SHOWERS

The toilets and showers will be cleaned regularly by Porthkerris Staff.

There will be cleaning product left in the toilets and wash area for customers to use.

There should be one person at a time using the bathroom.

There will be a cone in the doorway of the bathrooms. Please kick to the centre of the doorway when using the bathroom, and kick cone to the side when exiting.

There will be a mop and bucket and cleaning products for people to use after using the showers.

CAFÉ

Please see café for rules around ordering food etc.

COMPRESSOR ROOM

Divers MUST NOT enter the compressor room.

Empty cylinders must be left in designated area outside the compressor room.

Divers must wait behind the line when picking up their full cylinder and leave air card on table.

All used air cards will be disposed of safely. Please do not share air cards.

All cylinders should have a number or name on them to make it easy for staff to link cylinder to diver

DIVE COURSES, TRY DIVES AND GUIDED DIVES.

We will be running PADI and SSI courses as usual. Divers will need to fill out a revised medical questionnaire which includes questions about COVID-19

We will not be doing try dives for the time being but will review this on a monthly basis.

We will be offering guided/escorted dives as usual. However, they will only be done in groups of no more than 4 where everyone knows each other.

KIT STORE

All kit to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after use.

Divers are encouraged to use their own masks and snorkels. Kit hire masks and snorkels are available to buy for a reduced price. There is also dive gear available to buy in the shop.

Only one member of Porthkerris staff to go in the kit store at a time.

Divers hiring kit or using it for courses must keep the same kit for the duration. This can be kept in the compressor room overnight. Regulators must be given to a member of staff to sanitize correctly.

SHORE DIVING FISHING AND PARKING

Customers to maintain a minimum of a 1m social distancing rule from people outside their family/bubble group.

Cars must allow a minimum of 2m between each other.

We will keep our new payment system in place to minimise unnecessary contact in shop. There is a red car parked outside the shop. Please place the money in the envelope provided. Seal it and write the car registration number and numbers of fisherpeople/shore divers on it. Then post it in the window. We will then come round and check these details given against cars/people on site. It is important that we keep a record of this. Please be honest...

CAMPING

Customers to maintain a minimum of 1m social distancing rule from people outside their party.

Campers must try and minimise the use of shared facilities.

We advise campers to purchase their own portable toilet/shower tent. These range from £40.00. Porthkerris has facilities where you can empty toilets.

Campers should camp in small groups adhering to government guidelines.

Everyone must sign in at the office at the start of their trip.

ACCOMMODATION

Apartments and log cabin will be thoroughly cleaned after each use using steam cleaner and anti bac cleaner. We have removed items such as books and magazines to minimise risk of contamination. So sorry if it looks a bit bare.

Duvets and pillows will be left unused for 48 hours in between guests. Please feel free to bring your own bedding and we can provide the sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers. Please let us know in advance if you are planning to bring your own bedding. We do not provide towels, apart from hand towel and t towel. There is also cleaning items in all accommodation and it is recommended that they are used thoroughly and regularly.

At the end of your stay please remove sheets after use and place in laundry basket provided. Please leave on mattress protector and pillow protector.

Please be mindful of the government guidance regarding numbers of people mixing together especially when inside accommodation.

Where possible sit outside in the sunshine!

When using outside shared facilities such as picnic tables and BBQ please clean before and after use.

BOAT DIVING

The wheelhouse is for crew only on both the CAT and KITTEN

Before boarding the passengers will be given a thorough briefing of the procedures from boarding to disembarking. Passengers will be advised where they will position themselves on the boat.

Passengers will be expected to provide their own food and drink if needed. This should be kept in a sealed bag.

Do not spit in masks and use an alternative defogging product. There will be no rinse bucket on board, so kit should be rinsed in the open water.

A thorough buddy check must be carried out whilst maintaining distancing and avoiding contact with mouth pieces.

Only essential items should be taken on board and loose kit should be kept together in a sealed bag or container. Passengers are responsible for their own kit only.

Passengers should also carry their own PPE/hand and kit sanitizer.

If assistance is needed to kit up, divers should be mindful of the guidelines.

If people need assistance with boarding the boats, PPE masks and gloves should be worn, and hands sanitised immediately before and after.

All divers must all use a DSMB and after the dive make themselves positively buoyant on the surface. Masks and regulators should be kept in place until seated in their designated position on the boat.

The Celtic Kitten will operate with a maximum of 6 divers plus crew. This is to ensure suitable social distancing between divers and crew. The Kitten will operate as usual by divers kitting up fully prior to boarding and will run as a shuttle to the local dive sites. We should be able to run 6-8 trips a day. We will be contacting individual groups to discuss how this may affect bookings. Where we can, we will try and enable divers to do 2 dives a day, however where multiple bookings were taken pre Covid-19 and subsequent restrictions on numbers, we may only be able to offer one dive a day. There are no toilet facilities on board the Kitten.

The Celtic Cat will operate with a maximum of 6 divers plus crew. This is to ensure suitable social distancing between divers and crew. This year, because of the number restrictions, the Cat will run as a shuttle to the local dive sites, like the Kitten. This means that we can comfortably run 4 trips a day. On days where we only have 6 on the Cat doing 2 dives, we may be able to stay out for the 2 dives, in which case divers will need 2 cylinders. In this case pillar valves should be covered with a protector. When we run the Cat as a shuttle it will come back to shore and cylinders can be filled before the next dive. We ask that divers on the Cat keep their kit (except cylinders) on board, safely distanced and stored. There are toilet facilities on the CAT, but this should only be used when necessary and after use thoroughly cleaned with the disinfectant provided.

All dives of the Cat and the Kitten will cost £30 a dive per diver and there can be no discount for filling the boat as we are not running to full capacity. We will send updated booking/receipt letters to show you of how this will affect your costs.

On returning to shore, both boats and CAT gangplank will be cleaned thoroughly.

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT GOVERNMENTAL GUIDANCE:

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO GATHER IN GROUPS LARGER THAN 30 PEOPLE.

PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO MEET IN GROUPS OF 2 HOUSEHOLDS IN ANY LOCATION, IN OR OUTDOORS.

WHEN OUTSIDE YOU CAN MEET IN GROUPS OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS. YOU SHOULD NOT INTERACT SOCIALLY WITH ANYONE OUTSIDE THIS GROUP.

GATHERINGS OF LARGER THAN 6 SHOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE IF EVERYONE IS JUST FROM 2 HOUSEHOLDS.

YOU CAN STAY OVER NIGHT WITH YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD/SUPPORT BUBBLE, OR WITH MEMBERS OF ONE OTHER HOUSEHOLD/SUPPORT BUBBLE.

SOCIAL DISTANCE GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES. PEOPLE SHOULD STAY EITHER 2M APART OR 1M PLUS (PLUS = PLUS MITIGATIONS SUCH AS WEARING A FACE MASK)

YOU SHOULD AVOID USING SHARED FACILITIES LIKE BATHROOMS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

Further information can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do-after-4-july>