# **CCSC Grafter - Safety Statement for Covid-19 Mitigation**

## 1. Project/ Task: Grafter Operations

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Review date if applicable: 1 month 21/06/20 and at any change of Phase as signalled by the Government. We are currently in Phase 1 – Stay Alert.

#### Brief description of task or project:

1. Grafter movements

2. Grafter use for club tasks

A Risk Assessment is already in place for this project/ area of work: Yes

All members must follow the government rules on social distancing and infection control including:

- Stay at home if you or someone you live with has a new and continuous cough or high temperature.
- Social distancing of 2m should be adhered to whenever feasible. When it is not possible to implement the 2m social distancing guidance, a brief risk assessment should be undertaken as to whether the task is essential and if so, the distance between people can be reduced to no less than 1m.
- Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away.
- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products

#### Other relevant restrictions due to Covid 19

- The Club house remains closed and may be accessed only with permission from the GC and a safe way of working as detailed in a method statement (like this document)
- Access to/ Exit from Weymouth Harbour is controlled by the Harbour Office

I have read the Covid 19 Risk Assessment provided by the GC and noted the risks and mitigations relevant to this task. **YES** 

## 2. List of Risks and method to be used to Mitigate:

## Areas of the club open to members

Car park

Boat park

Slipways

Garden

Balcony

Boat park storage container

Boat workshops

Garden store

Sail loft

Crane

#### **Permitted Activities**

Boat maintenance

Pontoon maintenance

Winterising/ de winterising moorings

Mark laying

#### Prohibited activities

Lifting moorings with Grafter

NOTE: Access to a toilet and hand wash facilities is being provided in the family changing room and boot wash area.

Task 1 Grafter movements: driving Grafter from Point A to Point B

Requires a minimum of 2 crew including the driver

#### Mitigations:

- Grafter can leave Weymouth Harbour when permission is given by the Harbour Office. This is imminent if not already agreed.
- Portland Harbour is open.
- Crew will be required to bring their own kit, gloves (leather and rubber), safety shoes or boots and lifejackets. If Grafter equipment is used it will be wiped down afterwards – wipes will be provided on board.
- There is ample room to enable physical distancing to be maintained with only 2 or even 3 crew on board.
- Surfaces touched in the driver's cabin will be wiped after use wipes will be provided on board.
- If used tools must be wiped before returning to storage in the cabin. wipes will be provided.

- The virus is not expected to endure on any external surface in the marine environment due primarily to the action of sunlight. No special precautions are necessary regarding external surfaces. The cabin/ exhaust vent door(s) are external surface(s) and do not need special attention.
- A suitable facility will be available on board to enable used wipes to be disposed of ashore.

## Task 2 Grafter use for club purposes

For moorings work Grafter is required to have a minimum of 4 crew including the driver. One crew would usually be assigned to operate the winch and would be able to physically distance. Moorings work is currently a prohibited activity.

Mark laying, Winterising / de winterising and pontoon work is permitted and the mitigations to be used are as in Task 1 with the following additions:

- A foredeck team of 3, not from the same household, will inevitably struggle to continually maintain 2m separation and consideration should be given to wearing face coverings to reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus to others.
- If the team has members who may be more vulnerable to the virus face coverings must be worn.

The practice of more than one person heaving on a chain or line on the foredeck of Grafter has greater risk of breaching social distancing guidelines.

- If more than one person is heaving on a line a spacing of 2m should be maintained. Marker lines will be provided on the foredeck to help identify this spacing.
- The winch may need to be used sooner to avoid strain and prevent the need for more than one person to be heaving on the line.

# 3. Requirements due to Covid 19

- Grafter needs suitable weather to operate and crew levels as detailed above.
- Wipes to be purchased and made available on board
- Bags to dispose of wipes to be purchased and made available on board.
- Crew to be additionally advised of safe way of working (re the virus) prior to embarkation on Grafter.
- Crew will ideally need to be in the lower risk groups for Covid 19 and physically able. A call for volunteers may be required.
- Maintaining an acceptable level of experienced crew might be difficult but may be overcome by careful instruction beforehand.

- It may not always be practical but consideration can be given to the use of a 'coach' boat alongside to provide sufficient distance for an experienced crew member to give advice and guidance.
- Task Lead must maintain a record of dates and participants should CCSC track and trace be needed. The record must be kept for one month and then destroyed.

#### 4. Planned timescales

Grafter will be available for use on permitted tasks from 08/06/20

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