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I write this as the spread of Coronavirus is increasing and after the Government has altered it's advice on how we should be reacting to the current situation.

The Club, by it's very nature is 'open all hours', and provides a meeting point and social contact for the members to enjoy their hobby, and natter to others.

We have no desire or intention to introduce restrictions on attending the club, or 'shutting it down', but feel we must advise members to take note of the Government advice to 'stop non-essential contact with others. This is particularly important for people over 70, those with underlying health conditions and pregnant women'. Whilst we do not have any pregnant women members (that we know of), we have our fair share of over 70s and members with underlying health conditions.

We are therefore advising members to look at their own situation, and decide what they feel is appropriate for them to minimise the risk to themselves, and other club members, and to act accordingly.

Can I ask that if you are a regular attendee and decide to stay away, or change your regular day and time to come down when there will be few people present, could you please let me know, to avoid any possible concerns for your wellbeing that a sudden absence may cause. Similarly, if you experience any suspect symptoms and are self-isolating, can you also please let me know so that I can advise members that they may have been in contact with someone who may have contracted the virus, and so should be alert for any symptoms they develop. I will obviously observe confidentiality and not disclose anyone's name in that situation.

I will update members on any virus related issues, and we will set up a Corronavirus section on the website to keep members informed of any updates.

Finally, can I say, enjoy model boat building, enjoy sailing you boats, and enjoy the club facilities, but please do what you feel is necessary to stay safe. That is the most important thing in these exceptional times.

Chris.