



UPSAC Policy Statement on COVID-19

UPSAC is committed to ensuring safe participation of all members in club activities whilst maintaining the protection of public health whilst undertaking such activities. This statement details the adopted measures to deliver these objectives and continue to operate our services.

The following terms and abbreviations used in this document are defined as follows:

- We, us, our, the club – UPSAC, University of Portsmouth Sub Aqua Club
- Members – any person who has; a current BSAC subscription fee & current BSAC branch membership & 2020/2021 UPSAC Society Membership.

We are taking a risk-based approach, in accordance with guidance provided by the UK Governments, Public Health Authorities, the University of Portsmouth, the University of Portsmouth Students Union and British Sub-Aqua Club, ensuring a safe environment for all.

We have undertaken thorough and specific risk assessments across all of our activities to safely manage and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. Copies of these risk assessments will be available from our group on request and will be posted on our Website (www.upsac.co.uk) and our Facebook Group.

To safeguard our members and the public from COVID-19, we will:

- Inform all our members of this policy statement and accompanying documentation with immediate effect;
- Provide a contact channel for members and the public to raise specific COVID-19 related [Andy Burns; badviz@gmail.com];
- Reassess all risk assessments in accordance with changes made to the guidance provided the UK Government, Public Health Authorities, the University of Portsmouth, the University of Portsmouth Students Union and the British Sub-Aqua Club;
- Publish updated guidance and risk assessments as soon as possible after any update to any of our COVID-19 documentation;
- Immediately inform all members of any changes made to our COVID-19 documentation;
- Implement a review strategy to monitor the effectiveness of the guidance enacted within the club;
- Incorporate findings from this review into updated versions of our COVID-19 documentation;
- Ensure that all COVID-19 documentation and guidance is strictly adhered to by all members when operating under the auspices of the club;
- Prohibit members from engaging in club activity if they are shown to deliberately and repeatedly disregard any part of our COVID-19 documentation and guidance;

- Ensure we follow best practice at all times to bring neither the club, the University of Portsmouth, University of Portsmouth, the Students Union or the British Sub-Aqua Club into disrepute.

Our members intend to carry out the following activities. We will continuously assess this activity list and it may change with little notice:

- Club Introduction Lecture - By Webinar
- Ocean Diver, Sports Diver & Dive Leader Theory Training – By Webinar or eLearning
- Ocean Diver Pool Training – Face to Face – Following BSAC return to diving guidelines
- Ocean Diver & Sports Diver (excluding rescue/resuscitation) Open-water Training – Face to Face - Following BSAC return to diving guidelines
- Boat Handling Experience & Training - Following BSAC return to diving guidelines
- There will be no diving from the Club Boat at this time
- There will be no social events organised or run
- Fun Diving - Following BSAC return to diving guidelines