

## **Covid-19 - IWAI Guidance – 22 June 2021**

We continue to advise all members to heed the advice from the relevant authorities and to follow the public health guidance as determined by the governments in both jurisdictions.

In Northern Ireland the information can be found at

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-what-restrictions-mean-you>

In the Republic of Ireland up to date information and advice is available at

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/7894b-post-cabinet-statement-resilience-and-recovery-the-path-ahead/>

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 the numbers permitted at organised outdoor events in ROI is 200 with up to 3 other households allowed to visit your home.

Therefore, we are delighted to inform you that Cruises in Company can now resume. Keeping in mind the above restrictions, we advise that any marquees used should only have roofs, no side enclosures installed, to ensure adequate ventilation and that the event is truly outdoors.

If members are socialising on their craft, they should ensure only members from a maximum of three other households are aboard.

Continue to pay particular attention to correct hand hygiene, cleaning of surfaces, cough/sneeze etiquette and physical distancing (social distancing) – keeping 2m between yourself and anyone not living in the same house / flat / boat as you. Wear a mask if it is not possible to maintain this distance, even outdoors.

Organisers should provide hand sanitiser at appropriate locations where members are gathering, if possible. If members are not comfortable with a particular situation, they should raise their concerns with the organisers at the time.

IWAI has released an infographic on social distancing while boating.

Branches should continue to meet using technology e.g. skype/zoom meetings, conference calls, email discussions, WhatsApp. If organisers of events wish to meet face-to-face, they should meet outdoors.

If you are feeling unwell, with a fever and/or cough, self-isolate in one room of your home if possible and phone your GP.

Executive will update this guidance as the situation develops but it is essential that members keep themselves informed using the information at the links above.