



# Tata Steel Sailing Club

## CORONAVIRUS – 3<sup>rd</sup> UPDATE

My apologies for those of you who read my comments on Facebook yesterday, as this repeat is purely for those members who are not on Facebook, and I quote:

“Please everyone don’t be misled by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June as the date we will commence **CASUAL** sailing at the club. There is preparation work to be done to ensure your safety, coupled with the fact Tata Steel will not be opening the gates until, at least, after the next review in three weeks` time. People need to be allowed to officially travel a greater distance than a 5-mile radius for this to happen.

For further information and clarification, Mr Simon Oglesby then responded as follows:

“Good afternoon everyone, I hope that you are all safe and well. The point of this post is to update you as to Tata`s current position with regard to Eglwys Nunydd. As you might be aware, I manage most of the Sea Cadet boating at the res, and in my day job I am a Manager at Tata and I have operational ownership of the res. We discuss it a couple of times a week, and currently our Security, Safety and Legal advice is to keep it fully closed. Fishing has been allowed for the previous three weeks in Wales, and despite a great deal of effort from all parties, it is not possible to agree to resumption of any activities. I can assure you that Linda checks in regularly to see if there is any change to our policy. Like many of you, I personally cannot wait to get back afloat. I just wanted everyone to know that our Club, along with the Fishing Club, is trying its best to get ready so that as soon as Tata is in a position to give the go ahead, all activities can resume safely”.

### **For Information:**

Our Risk Assessment and Method Statement is primarily for a return to Casual Sailing, but in three weeks` time, this might change in view of statements that are now coming out regarding the resumption of outdoor sporting activities. However, a slight tweaking to the aforementioned documents may be necessary; it`s an ever changing dynamic position in which we find ourselves. Since our sport has already been given the green light to resume CASUAL sailing on 1<sup>st</sup> June, I only hope that further announcements in three weeks` time will see the travel restriction lifted and that we be allowed to conduct organised racing once again. Obviously, all the necessary safeguards set out in the Risk Assessment will still be applied, with adjustments as necessary to any potential changes in directives.

### **In Summary:**

1. Risk Assessment and Method Statement will be circulated to all members at the appropriate time with, hopefully, an indication of start date.
2. We have in place all the necessary documentation, method of working and work party tasks that need to be undertaken
2. No matter what dates are set out by the Welsh Government, it is Tata Steel who will make the final decision as to when the reservoir is opened.
3. The reservoir is in complete lockdown, so no-one should attempt to gain entry.

**Every attempt is being made for the safest and quickest return to the Club**

Best regards

Linda

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