

Sydney Amateur Sailing Club

Guidelines for Responsible Boating in NSW

DURING COVID-19

Activity	Permitted	Reasonable/ Excusable	Social distancing rules required & other notes
Fishing from land (wharf, beach etc)	Yes, if 2 person gathering & 4sqm rule is complied with.	Exercise	We consider that a wharf would be a single space for the purpose of the 4sqm rule. Fishing "couples" must be 1.5 metres apart from each other.
Two or more people fishing from a power boat (public or privately owned)	Yes, if the 4sqm rule is complied with.	Exercise	The vessel owner/operator must ensure the 4sqm rule is adhered to and must be genuinely fishing (rather than cruising/ socialising). A public vessel cannot sell food or alcohol under the "closure" direction.
Two or more people sailing on a sailing yacht (public or privately owned)	Yes, if the 4sqm rule is complied with.	Exercise	The vessel owner/operator must ensure the 4sqm rule is adhered to and must be genuinely sailing (rather than cruising/ socialising). A public vessel cannot sell food or alcohol under the "closure" direction.
One or two persons fishing from a tinny	Yes	Exercise	Technically, two persons in a tinny may not comply with the 4sqm rule (if a tinny is taken to be it's own outdoor space).
One or two persons on a paddle board, kayak or jet-ski	Yes	Exercise	Technically, two persons using the same boat, kayak or jet-ski may not comply with the 4sqm rule (if each item is taken to be it's own outdoor space).
Travel to dive spots to scuba dive using a power boat	Yes, if 4sqm rule is complied with	Travel to a dive spot to scuba dive as exercise	The vessel owner/operator must ensure the 4sqm rule is adhered to at all times while on the boat.
One or more people on a jet ski, tinny or other vessel travelling to obtain supplies, attend appointments, carer's responsibilities etc	Yes, if 4sqm rule is complied with	Genuine travel is a reasonable excuse	Relevant to establishing this as a reasonable excuse will be the area in which the person lives and whether it is a usual mode of transport for them.
Any number of people on a power or sailing boat socialising & cruising (i.e. lunching or partying) (no substantial fishing or exercise)	No	Socialising & partying is not a reasonable excuse to be away from home	
Three or more people on a paddle board, kayak, jet-ski or tinny	No	Although may be exercising, it will be in breach of the 4sqm rule	The vessel owner/controller must ensure the 4sqm rule is adhered to. Three people on these items will almost certainly be in breach of that rule.