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BSS EXAMINER NEWS – COVID-19 Suspension - Planning for Changes

Dear Examiner

BSS COVID-19 Suspension - Planning for Changes

Thank you for completing the restart survey and for your emails and calls. We are extremely appreciative of all the thoughts and suggestions we have received in response.

It is our firm intention to re-start Boat Safety Scheme Examinations as soon as possible when it is safe to do so.

We will be taking account of the Government announcements about the next phase of the lockdown, expected on Sunday 10 May.

We are working with stakeholders on a plan that will continue to protect boat owners, examiners and other people such as those working in marinas.

The Scheme's Management Committee and participating navigation authorities have agreed to further extend the current waiver on BSS Certifications to 31 July 2020.

As BSS examinations have been suspended since late March, there is now a considerable backlog of boats needing to renew their Certifications; and in recognition of this, the navigation authorities want to give their customers sufficient time to arrange their boat examinations, once restrictions are eased.

That is why we are strongly urging those boat owners who can, to book their Examinations as soon as their circumstances allow. This will help you to be organised and we can start getting boats Certificated as soon as it is safely possible.

We are also advising boat owners to keep an eye out on the BSS website and social media feeds for a commencement date and more information about preparing their boats for examination.

Please watch out for more information and requests for your help and contributions in the coming days.

Thank you, stay safe.

Kevin Tyson

BSS Manager