

Dear Sailors, Coaches, and Team Managers,

Following the restrictions applied by the Portuguese Government on January 19th, the steps taken were extremely effective, and the COVID 19 pandemic in Portugal is slowing down very fast.

The number of positive Covid19 cases is now much lower and decreasing daily.

In the region of Loulé, where Vilamoura is, the number of positive cases decreased by 81%, and the region is now entering the Low-risk level (lowest level).

Only specific Hospitals in the Region of Loulé are attending Covid19 cases, all other hospitals are working as Non-Covid19, and the services are fully active.

Vilamoura Sailing as set an agreement with the **Hospital of Loulé** (private) and a fast track has been created to all Vilamoura Sailing athletes, coaches and team managers.

We have now in Vilamoura Sailing Center over 250 Sailors from 32 Nations sailing with us, and preparing for the upcoming International events.

As per article 34º of the Government Decree 3-A /2021, high-performance outdoor sports practice (sailing included) and high-performance sport events (without spectators) are allowed.

Of course, all the activities SHALL comply with the strictest public health requirements and respect for everyone involved.

Steps have been taken to ensure everyone's safety. So, we kindly ask you to follow these steps:

- The use of facial masks indoors is mandatory in the Vilamoura Sailing facilities.
- Keep social distancing of a minimum of 2 meters.
- Briefings will be done via digital platforms.
- A Digital Notice Board will be available, where all the event information will be uploaded, results, jury, timetables, etc.
- We will create WhatsApp groups with all coaches to facilitate speedy information.

Traveling:

All teams traveling to Portugal SHALL carry a letter of their Sailing Federations, stating that the sailors/coaches are high-performance athletes/professionals and participate in International Sailing events in Portugal.

The Government Decree nº 3-D/2021

Article: 4º / -

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Article 5º / -

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Allows the foreign citizens, non-residents in Portugal, to enter Portugal for International professional activities

Complying with all the Government regulations, we will maintain Vilamoura Sailing Center open.

We will “sail” our International events:

- Portugal Grand Prix,
- 470 World Championship / Olympic Qualifier
- RS:X European Championship and Youth Worlds

For further information don't hesitate to contact us or visit our website:

www.vilamourasailing.com

Vilamoura, February 20th, 2021

Nuno Reis
(Vilamoura Sailing)