



Covid -19 Safety Plan

Here at Epic Fishing Trips we are proud to be an award nominated fishing trip operator, rated the number one fishing trip in Wales. We have got to where we are today by not only running our famous Epic fishing trips but also by being unquestionably professional in all that we do.

So, we have prepared this detailed Covid-19 Safety Plan to keep you, our customers, safe whilst aboard. We commit to regularly reviewing this document and updating it when necessary. We have produced this document in line with current Welsh Government guidance and with reference to other similar businesses and our governing bodies including our licencing authority the Yacht Designers and Surveyors Association and the British Marine Federation.

We would like to gently remind you that it is ultimately your own responsibility to ensure your own safety and that of people around you and kindly ask to please be thoughtful and considerate. By arriving at our boat 'Legend of New Quay' you are stating that you are free of Covid-19 symptoms. In return we promise to keep you as safe as we can whilst in our care.

Customer management

We use telephone and online booking systems only and have no requirement to meet you, our customers face to face at booking.

As we pre book all trips, we will be able to pre share all relevant joining instructions including car parking, location of public toilets, access to the pier and boarding instructions with you. Clear instructions will be provided (either over the telephone or by email) in respect of Covid-19 safety planning in advance of your arrival.

We will facilitate your access to our vessel in a safe and managed manner. We will share a user-friendly version of this Safety Plan with your group and where practicable, a short video of how to access our vessel and the protocols aboard.

We will keep the booking detail of your group for 21 days in case further contact be required by track and trace.

Disabilities

People with disabilities are always welcome on our trips. We are pleased to help your boarding and look after you whilst aboard. However physical help by our staff is regrettably not possible during Covid-19.

We would recommend that your group is fully equipped and able to support you (including, if necessary, being able to lift you onto our boat) and that you come and check out pier access and boat access prior to booking.

If this is not possible sadly at this time, we kindly ask you to come back again another time when we will willingly help you get aboard safely.

Booking & travel

By arriving at our boat 'Legend of New Quay' you are stating that you are free of Covid-19 symptoms. In return we promise to do all we can to keep you all safe whilst in our care. Current Government guidance states that you should not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste. Certainly, do not book a fishing trip!

For the immediate future we are only taking an Extended Household or 'bubble' group out on fishing trips. These will be private charters with just your bubble aboard. The makeup of your bubble and the distance you can travel to us must follow Welsh Government guidance. This may change at any time and we ask you to pay close attention to all the guidance that flows from the Welsh Government.

Bubbles are extended family groupings and would commonly be those sharing holiday accommodation. As bubble groups will either consist of holidaying families or local families, we will carry a maximum of five persons from the same 'bubble' only. This will allow us to help you whilst social distancing is maintained between skipper and your bubble. Each bubble will be allocated the stern (back) and port hand side (left hand side when facing forwards) as their seating and fishing location. The starboard side (right hand side when facing forwards) will remain vacant for the use of the skipper.

Aboard

1. We will keep 'Legend of New Quay' even more sparkingly clean and fully disinfect her at the end of every day.
2. We will use disinfected wipes on all surfaces that are likely to be touched by hand in between trips.

3. We will ask customers to limit carry aboard baggage as we will not be using Legend's lockers and there will be no bin aboard. Takeaway food and drinks will not be allowed. We will ask you to bin food wrappers and takeaway drink containers before boarding. Remember that 'Legend of New Quay' is a No Alcohol and No Smoking boat.
4. The boat will be for one 'bubble' only with socially distanced space for you and socially distanced space for the Skipper.
5. Fishing rods will be used by one customer a day only, quarantined thereafter and disinfected each night.
6. World Health Organisation approved hand sanitiser will be aboard to use and we will invite you to do so upon boarding. Keeping your hands clean is known to protect against virus transmission.
7. Please come wearing a face covering. Face coverings must be used whilst walking along the pier and during boarding and disembarking
8. The skipper will wear a face covering or a face visor and will remain inside the wheelhouse where practicable.
9. You will unhook your own catch and be provided with a container to place your catch in. Whilst bait fishing, bait will be provided for you and you will bait your own hooks.
10. Access to the wheelhouse will not be allowed. And the toilet will be out of bounds except in an emergency.
11. A socially distanced safety briefing will be given in normal format at departure.
12. If you wish to wear a lifejacket (note; there is no requirement to wear a lifejacket whilst aboard 'Legend of New Quay') it will be quarantined afterwards and left for 72 hours.

Angling Charters

On occasion we will run angling charters with experienced anglers aboard. Such trips will differ from bubble trips as the individuals will be experienced anglers, come with their own fishing tackle and therefore be more self-contained. The 2m rule will allow Legend of New Quay to carry a maximum of seven anglers. Whilst running angling charters anglers will fish at socially distanced stations 2m apart (three each side and one at the stern).

A final reminder - Epic Fishing Trips have the right to refuse bookings/boarding if we believe that any of the guidelines within this Safety Plan or those published by Government are breached. Your safety and that of our staff is very important to us.