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DEFRA will withdraw the guidance on boat diving on July 4th in England

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government's priority has been, and remains, to save lives. Following the latest announcement by the Prime Minister on 23rd June, which marked a significant further easing of the lockdown restrictions to come into effect on 4th July, the Government has decided to withdraw the guidance on 'Using a boat inland and on the coast' from 4th July.

Latest government guidance on COVID-19 can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Individuals and boating operators are responsible for conducting a risk assessment drawing on the relevant sources of government guidance on COVID-19. In particular operators and individuals should consider:

- [Working Safely during coronavirus](#)
- [Staying alert and safe \(social distancing\) after 4 July](#)
- [Meeting People Outside Your House](#)
- [Staying Safe Outside Your Home](#)
- [Safer transport guidance for operators](#)
- [Safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- [Phased return of outdoor sport and recreation](#)

A huge effort has been made by the Angling Trust, BSAC, Professional Boatman's Association, RYA, SITA and others to lobby for change, including the #BDSG.

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