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GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTICE TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

In the light of the progressive restrictions being placed on Clubs' activities by Home Affairs Bureau, the General Committee at the last meeting gave careful consideration to the question of Guest admissions.

At present ABC has certain restrictions on numbers while many other Clubs have either curtailed or banned admissions altogether even though this is not at present a Government requirement.

We have introduced a questionnaire for anyone entering the Club in addition to placing hand sanitisers in many locations, and from last week seating arrangements in the F&B outlets have been reduced in number in order to allow for more 'social distancing' as a further precaution .

Function rooms have been closed, club functions stopped and social gatherings limited to a maximum of 10 in number.

With these measures already in place the Committee decided *not* to ban visiting Guests entirely.

For many members the Club is a sanctuary and many have friends, crews members for example, or extended non-member family who regularly attend the Club so a total ban at this time would be unduly restrictive.

Instead we are asking members to restrict their Guests in the near and undefined future **to 2 only on any visit.**

We rely on members' good nature and understanding in supporting this new measure which has the aim of reducing overall numbers within the Club and hence a consequent extension of social distancing for the benefit of members and staff, without unduly constraining social contact.

It may be that circumstances, yet dictate further restrictions but in the meantime your Committee is attempting to take sensible precautions without stifling social bonhomie entirely.

I hope this meets with your understanding,

Yours sincerely

Chris Pooley, Commodore.
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