

Bosham Sailing Club Child Protection Policy

Policy Statement

For the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. All members of the Club should be aware of this policy, and all volunteers whose role brings them into contact with young people should be familiar with it.

Child protection and child welfare is everybody's business. All club members, especially parents and others who are responsible for children, should be mindful of the welfare of children in and around the club and its activities, and alert to the presence of risks.

The child protection policy of the club provides a framework for managing predictable risks and handling any concerns that arise.

Club Welfare Officer

The Club Welfare Officer is Dr Jonathan Prosser, tel 01243 572 258, mob 0778 670 7363, email jgsprosser@fairadsl.co.uk to whom concerns, queries and suggestions regarding child welfare should be reported.

Disclosure

The Club Welfare Officer, the Rear Commodore for Cadets, and those instructing, coaching or supervising young people will also be asked to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure.

Good Practice

All members of the Club should follow the good practice guidelines attached (*see RYA Template 4*). Those working with young people should be aware of the guidance on recognising abuse (*see RYA Appendix A*).

Adults are requested to be mindful of child welfare when using showers and changing rooms at the same time as children. Where possible, it is advised that adults delay their use of changing rooms, and if simultaneous use is unavoidable it is advised that they are accompanied by another adult.

The Club will not seek written consent from the child and their parents/carers before taking photos or video at an event or training session or publishing such images, but will allow children or parents/guardians to opt out if desired. Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming. If the Club publishes images of children, no identifying information other than names will be included. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer.

Concerns

Anyone who is concerned about a young member's welfare, either outside the sport or within the Club, should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately, in strict confidence. The Club Welfare Officer will follow the attached procedures (*see RYA Flowcharts 1 and 2*).

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