

***SUTTON IN ASHFIELD SAILING
CLUB***

***SAFEGUARDING
AND CHILD WELFARE POLICY***

This document should be used alongside the RYA Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Guidelines for clubs, classes and recognised training centres.

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As defined by the Children Act 1989, for the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. The policy also applies to vulnerable adults.

The Club Welfare Officer is:

Jenny Wright

See attached policy for contact details

Sutton in Ashfield Sailing Club

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POLICY STATEMENT:

Sutton in Ashfield Sailing Club is committed to safeguarding children and young people taking part in sailing and club activities from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying.

The club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that through appropriate procedures and training, children and young people taking part in club activities do so in a safe environment.

We recognise that the safety, welfare and needs of the child are paramount and that all children, irrespective of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual or gender identity or social status, have a right to protection from discrimination and abuse.

All suspicions or allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

For the purposes of this policy, anyone under the age of 18 years will be considered as a child.

All members of the club should be aware of the policy, which also applies to vulnerable adults.

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER:

The Club Welfare Officer is:

JENNY WRIGHT

Please contact me on [07749 798312](tel:07749798312)
email: j.wright445@btinternet.com
or speak to me in confidence at the Club

VOLUNTEERS:

All club volunteers, whose role brings them into regular contact with young people, may be asked to provide references. The Club Welfare Officer and those regularly instructing, coaching or supervising young people may also be asked to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure, with Barred List check if appropriate.

GOOD PRACTICE:

All members of the club should follow the good practice guidelines attached and agree to abide by the Club Code of Conduct and the RYA Racing Charter contained in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Those working or volunteering with young people should be aware of the guidance on recognising abuse.

Adults are requested not to enter the showers and changing rooms at times when children and young people are using them during junior/youth training or racing. If this is unavoidable it is advised that they are accompanied by another adult. The use of cameras or smart phones/tablets is not permitted in the changing rooms under any circumstances.

The club will seek written consent from parent/carers before taking photos or videos at an event or publishing such images.

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, including Snipe, no identifying information other than names will be included. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images, either by Club members or members of the public should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer.

WEBSITE and SOCIAL MEDIA:

The club will endeavour to ensure that its website does not contain any content or language that may be inappropriate for younger visitors and that it does not link directly to unsuitable material on other sites.

Any complaints about material found on the website, including the use of photographs, should be referred to a member of the Committee, the Webmaster or the Child Welfare Officer, who will act promptly to remove the offending content.

It is expected that Club members will act appropriately when interacting on social networks, e.g. facebook, when promoting or commenting about events that have, or may be taking place at the club, thus ensuring that no offence is caused to anyone and that inappropriate material is not available to young visitors.

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 & 2).

Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Child Welfare Policy and all other relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action according to the Club Constitution and Rules.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITY and DUTY OF CARE:

Parents and carers should be aware that the Club is only able to provide rescue facilities during the hours of Club racing. Outside these hours, parents and carers have sole responsibility for their children and wards and must appreciate that the Club cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control.

Even during the hours of racing the Club cannot accept responsibility for children, or any other young person not engaged in racing, therefore parents and carers are expected to provide appropriate supervision and control during the time their children are not on the water.

A full copy of the RYA Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, self-disclosure forms, plus templates and appendices, are available in the filing cabinet in the clubhouse.

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