

KSSC Safeguarding Policy and Procedures {April 2024}

Policy Statement

KSSC is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults when using the club boats and involved in social events. For the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered a child. The club does not accept full members under the age of 18, therefore any child (or vulnerable adult) should remain under the supervision of the nominated adult who will be the club member/parent/legal guardian including them in their booking/crew list whilst sailing or attending a social event. All adults, whether full or temporary members, should act within the club's code of conduct (attached) and are therefore not required to attend training or to have DBS clearance. All members of the Club should be aware of the policy and have access to the Code of Conduct.

Safety

The skipper is responsible for the safety of the vessel and crew at all times and will make the decisions concerning the suitability of the crew -including their preparation and safety equipment. Suitable lifejackets should be provided by the nominated adult accompanying the child, and this will be checked by the skipper before departure. Adult life jackets are available on board which may suit juveniles above 40 kg in weight. No children's lifejackets are provided. All provision for suitability of clothing, footwear and sea sickness prevention, if considered necessary, is the responsibility of the nominated adult member.

Good Practice

All members of the Club should follow the RYA Good Practice Guidelines when sailing with children or vulnerable adults on board and agree to abide by the Club Code of Conduct (see attachments). The Club will seek written consent from parents/carers before taking photos or video of a child when sailing or at a social event organised by the club. Permission will be sought from the parent/legal guardian before publishing any photos/videos online or in club papers.

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Attachments: KSSC Good Practice Guidelines, Club Code of Conduct