



ORWELL YACHT CLUB

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Statement and Procedures

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 the policy.

The Orwell Yacht Club (OYC) is committed to safeguarding, from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying, children taking part in its activities. 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.

The OYC actively seeks to:

- Create a safe and welcoming environment, both on and off the water, where children can have fun and develop their skills and confidence.
- Run training and events to the highest safety standards.
- Recognise that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
- Treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements.
- Carefully recruit volunteers whose role brings them into regular contact with young people. When appropriate, they will be asked to provide a reference and an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure with Barred List check, will be applied for.
- Ensure all Club members are aware of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Statement and Procedures, follow the Good Practice Guide and agree to abide by the Club's Code of Conduct, Changing Room, Anti-Bullying and Photography, Images and Video Policies. Those volunteering with young people should also be aware of the Reporting Procedures Guide and Appendices -What is abuse? and What is bullying? (All these documents are available to view on the Club's website).
- Respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about a young member's welfare, either outside or inside the Club.
- Regularly review Safeguarding procedures and practices in light of experience or to take account of legislative, social and technological changes.

Concerns:

Anyone who is concerned about a young member's or participant's welfare, either outside or within the Club, should inform the Club Welfare Officers immediately, in strict confidence. The Club Welfare Officers will follow the OYC Reporting Procedures. In an emergency please contact one of the numbers below.

The OYC's Club Welfare Officers:

Teresa Thorogood, Mobile: 07807 346752 / John Burnell, Mobile: 07770 402717

RYA Safeguarding and Equality Manager:

Jackie Reid, Tel: 023 8060 4104

Suffolk County Council Child Protection:

Is it an emergency?

- **0808 800 4005** if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of neglect or harm, abuse
- the police on **999**
- the NSPCC child protection helpline on **0808 800 5000**

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