

Yare Sailing Club Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Statement

Adapted from the RYA Policy January 2022

The Yare Sailing Club provides racing and sailing events in a family and friends context and is an affiliated member of the RYA. The Club does not provide training or coaching in sailing. Children who attend any of the club events do so with their parents or with other adults as arranged by their parents. The Club does not take responsibility for children under the age of eighteen but recognises that Safeguarding and Child Protection are the responsibility of all adults.

The Yare Sailing Club is committed to safeguarding children taking part in its activities from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying. We recognise that the safety, welfare and needs of the child are paramount and that any child, irrespective of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual or gender identity or social status, has a right to protection from discrimination and abuse.

The Yare Sailing Club takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate operating procedures, it offers a safe and fun environment to children taking part in its events and activities.

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.

Club Welfare Officer

The Club Welfare Officer is Lisa Burton. Please contact via the Club Secretary.

Good Practice

All members of the Club should follow the good practice guidelines 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.

Photography

The Club will seek written consent from parents/carers before taking photos or video of a child 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, 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 or participant'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 appropriate procedures as set out by the RYA.

This policy has been adapted from the RYA policy in January 2022. It should be reviewed in 2025.