

COWES CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB LTD  
ANNEXE 2 OF CLUB RULES –SAFEGUARDING POLICY  
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**POLICY STATEMENT:-**

Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club (“CCYC”) is committed to safeguarding all children, young people and vulnerable adults who take part in its activities from physical, sexual or emotional harm, neglect or bullying. We recognise that the safety, welfare and needs of everyone participating in our activities are paramount and that anyone irrespective of age, disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual or gender identity or social status, has a right to protection from abuse of any kind and from discrimination.

The Club takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through safe recruitment of members, staff and volunteers, and appropriate operating procedures and training, it offers a safe and welcoming environment where children under 18, and all adults, especially those with disabilities, can have fun and develop their skills and confidence both on and off the water. All members of the Club should be aware of this policy. Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. The Club Welfare Officer is:-

**Staff and Volunteers**

All Club members, staff and volunteers may come into regular contact with young people or vulnerable adults at CCYC and may be asked to provide references when they first join the club. The Club Welfare Officer and those regularly instructing, coaching or supervising young people will also be asked to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services Check, with Barred List check, if appropriate. The Club Secretary or Welfare Officer will provide details of this process which can be organised free of charge through the RYA.

**Good Practice**

The aim of CCYC is for all participants in its activities to enjoy sailing, or motor boating and to improve their confidence on and off the water. Abusive language, swearing, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated.

All members of the Club should follow the RYA Good Practice Guidelines which are available on the RYA website. Separate codes of conduct are in place and can be visited on the RYA website for young sailors, parents and instructors.

Anyone who is concerned about a young person or any 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 RYA Safeguarding and if appropriate Child Protection Procedures. Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Safeguarding Policy or any of the relevant Codes of Conduct referred to above may be subject to disciplinary action under Club Rules.