



# GUERNSEY YACHT CLUB

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## Junior Section

### **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

#### **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Guernsey Yacht Club (the Club) to guard and protect all children and vulnerable people involved in any activity with the Club.

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.

#### **Child Protection Officer**

For details of The Guernsey Yacht Club Welfare Officer please speak to either the Principal, the Commodore or Rear Commodore Junior.

#### **Volunteers**

All Club volunteers whose role brings them into contact with young people will be asked to complete a self-disclosure form with our CP officer.

Volunteers who frequently, intensively (once a week or 4 days in one month or more) and/ or overnight, instruct, coach or supervise young people will be asked to complete an Enhanced, Criminal Records Bureau form provided by the Child Protection Officer, and undergo identification verification. The Disclosure Certificate will be sent to the volunteer by the Guernsey Vetting Bureau, who should then forward it to the Child Protection Officer before they begin to volunteer with young people.

#### **Good Practice**

All members of the Club should follow the **Good Practice Guide** (see separate page).



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Adults are requested not to enter the showers and changing rooms at times when children are changing before or after junior/youth training or racing. If this is unavoidable it is advised that they are accompanied by another adult.

The Club is required to seek written consent from the child and their parents/carers before taking photos or video at an event or training session 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 welfare, either outside the sport or within the Club, should inform the Child Protection Officer immediately, in strict confidence. The CP Officer will follow the procedures according to RYA guidelines. If this is not possible then the Commodore of the Club should be informed.

Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Child Protection policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

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