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**Child Safeguarding Policy**

**Policy Statement**

Thornton Steward 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.

Thornton Steward Sailing Club takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through safe recruitment, appropriate operating procedures and training, 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 Kay Marriott

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Email [welfare@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk](mailto:welfare@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk)

**Staff and Volunteers**

The Club Welfare Officer, those regularly instructing, coaching or supervising young people and any others who are eligible will be required to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure, with Barred List check if appropriate, as detailed in the Club's policy on Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. Other volunteers who are not eligible for a DBS check will be asked to complete a self-declaration form disclosing whether they have ever been known to any Children's Services Department as being an actual or potential risk to children and whether they have ever been the subject of any disciplinary investigation and/or sanction by any organisation due to concern about their behaviour towards children.

**Good Practice**

All members of the Club should follow the club procedures and good practice guidelines and agree to abide by the Club Code of Conduct and, where relevant, 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.



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Adults are requested not to enter the showers and changing rooms at times when children are changing. If this is unavoidable it is advised that they are accompanied by another adult.

The Club will seek written consent from parents/carers before taking photos or video of a child 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 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 club procedures.

Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Safeguarding policy, procedures or any relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action under the relevant club rules at the time.

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