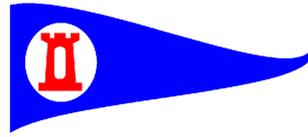


**SAUNDERSFOOT  
SAILING CLUB**



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**(Written in conjunction with the “RYA Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Guidelines”, which should be referred to for more detailed information and guidance.**

**As defined by the Children Act 1989, for the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. The policy applies to all RYA employees, contractors and volunteers.**

**The RYA 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 RYA takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in activities organised by the RYA do so in a safe and enjoyable environment.**

**We require RYA recognised training centres and encourage affiliated clubs and class associations to adopt and implement similar policies and procedures and provide them with relevant information and support.**

The RYA 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 RYA-organised training and events to the highest possible safety standards.
- Treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements.

The RYA:

- Recognises that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
- Carefully recruits and selects all RYA employees, contractors and volunteers in roles involving close contact with children and provides them with appropriate information or training.
- Responds swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about poor practice or suspected or actual child abuse.
- Regularly reviews safeguarding procedures and practices in the light of experience or to take account of legislative, social or technological changes.
- Communicates changes and shares good practice with training centres, clubs and class associations.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

**The RYA Safeguarding and Equality Manager should be notified of all relevant concerns, allegations or complaints.**

### **Policy Statement**

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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:

Alison Roberts

Mobile: 07828137951

Email: [alison.vanessa.roberts@gmail.com](mailto:alison.vanessa.roberts@gmail.com)

Or

### **RYA designated person**

The RYA's Safeguarding and Equality Manager is Jackie Reid, tel. 023 8060 4104, e-mail [safeguarding@rya.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rya.org.uk)

If Jackie Reid is unavailable and the matter is urgent, contact:

England - Jackie Bennetts, RYA Club Support Advisor, tel. 023 8060 4199, e-mail

[jackie.bennetts@rya.org.uk](mailto:jackie.bennetts@rya.org.uk)

Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland - the relevant Safeguarding Lead (see Section 7 for contact details).

### **Good Practice**

All members of the Club should follow the RYA good practice guidelines and agree to abide by the Club Rules 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.

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 will 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.

### **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 attached procedures (see *RYA Flowcharts 1 and 2*).

Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Safeguarding policy and any relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action under Club Rule 3(g).

## **Useful Contacts**

### **NSPCC 24 hour free helpline**

0808 800 5000

E-mail: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Website: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### **Childline 24 hour free helpline**

0800 1111

Website: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

### **Royal Yachting Association**

Jackie Reid, Safeguarding and Equality Manager

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Hamble

Southampton

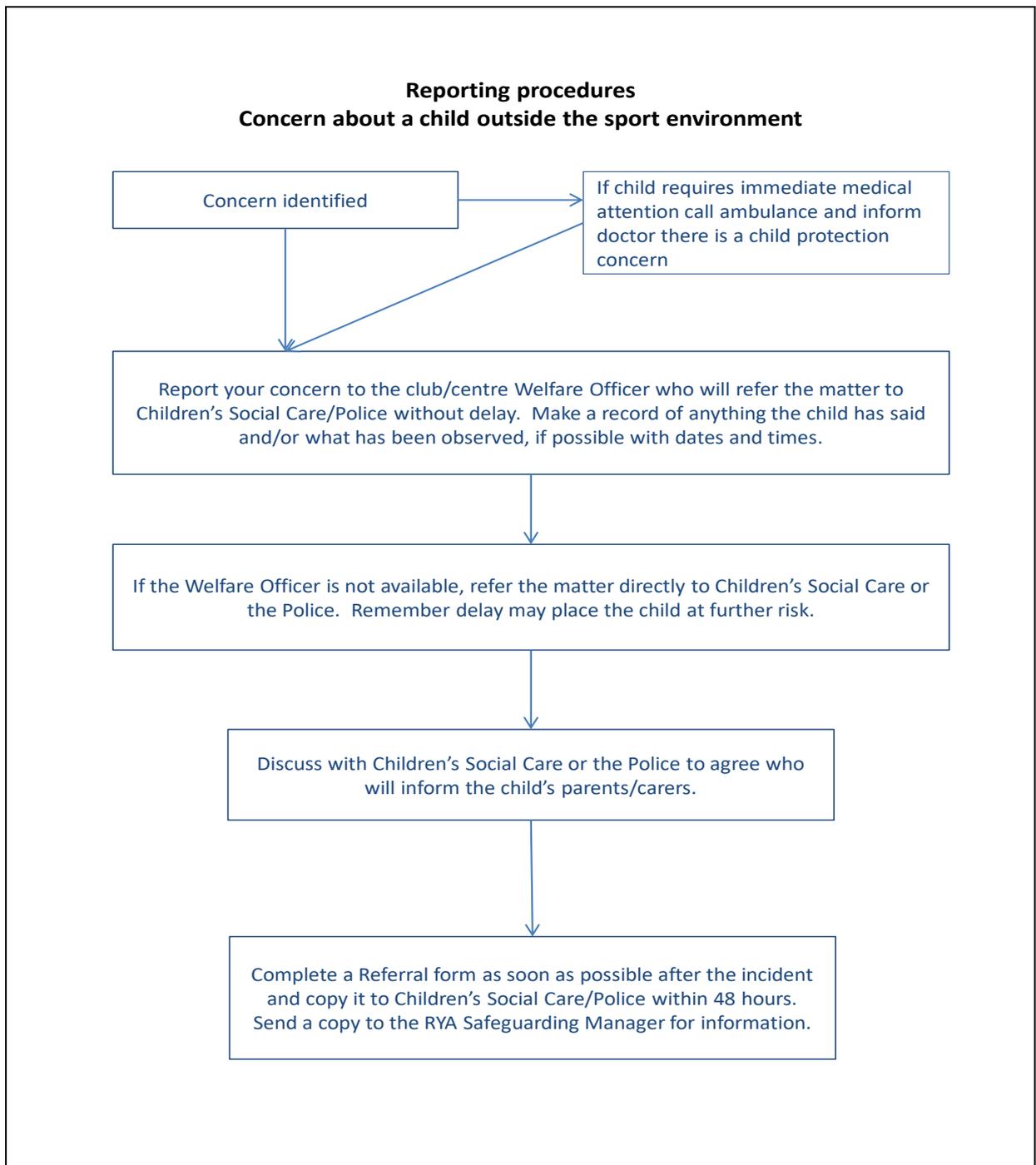
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Tel: 023 8060 4104

E-mail: [safeguarding@rya.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rya.org.uk)

Website: [www.rya.org.uk/go/safeguarding](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/safeguarding)

## Flow Chart 1



## Flow Chart 2

