**STRANGFORD SAILING CLUB**

**RYA SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

## Policy Statement

Strangford Sailing Club 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.

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: Hilary Crichton 07710 493928
secretary@strangfordsailingclub.com

## Staff and Volunteers

All Club staff and volunteers whose role brings them into regular contact with young people will be asked to provide references. The Club Welfare Officer and those regularly instructing, coaching or supervising young people will also be asked to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure, with Barred List check if appropriate.

## Good Practice

All members of the Club should follow the good practice guidelines attached (see RYA Sample Document 4) and agree to abide by the Club Code of Conduct (see RYA Sample Document 5) 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 (see RYA Appendix A).

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

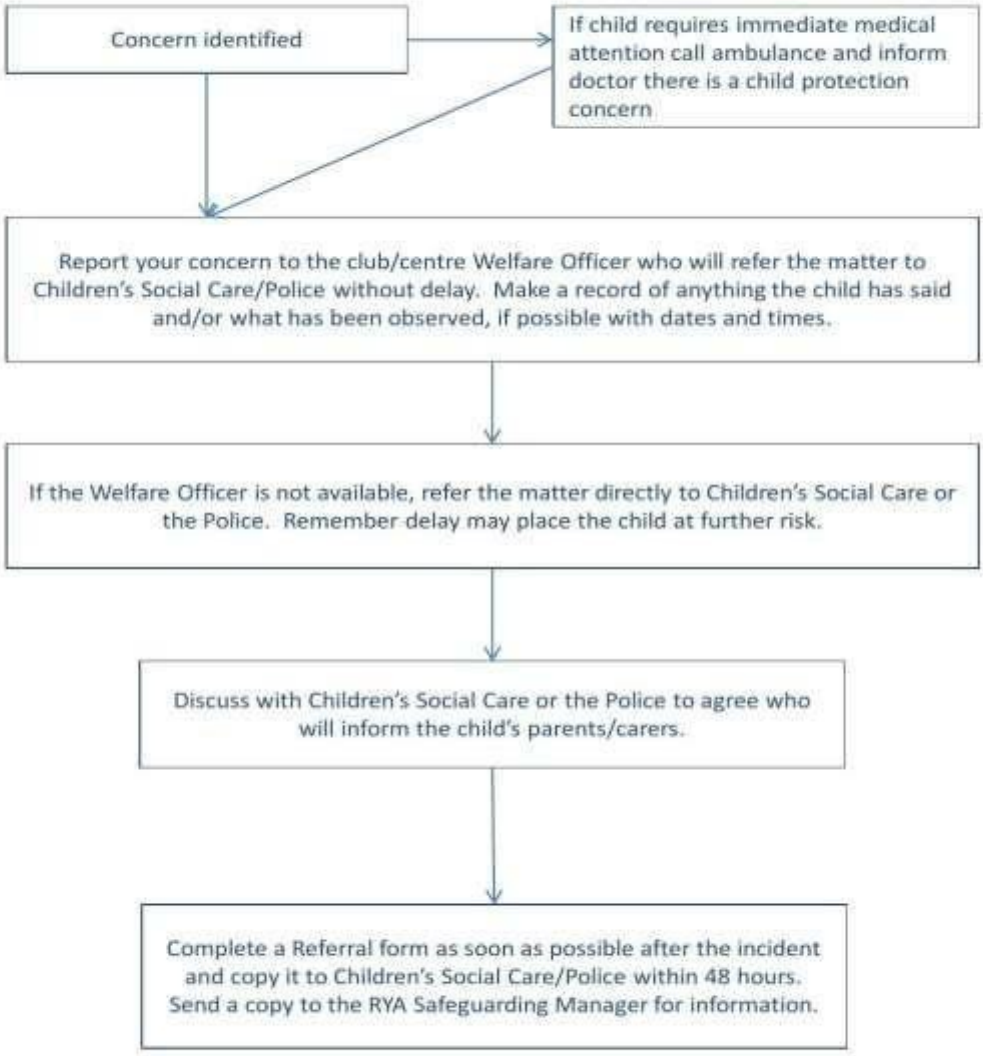
Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Safeguarding policy and any relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action.

A full report of the RYA Safeguarding and Child Protection Guidelines is available from: a)

The Clubhouse

b) RYA NI website Strangford Sailing Club

**Reporting procedures**
**Concern about a child outside the sport environment**



**Reporting procedures**
**Concern about the behaviour of someone at a club/centre**

