

## **Royal Burnham Yacht Club**

### **Safeguarding Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Royal Burnham Yacht Club to safeguard children and young people taking part in boating from physical, sexual or emotional harm. The Club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in Club activities do so in a safe environment. We recognise that the safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, irrespective of sex, age, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual identity or social status, have a right to protection from 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.

Child Protection Officer

The Club Child Protection Officer is: Lizzie Brown

[lizzie@rbycsailing.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@rbycsailing.co.uk)

Tel: 07734 971902

### **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 Child Protection Officer and those regularly instructing, coaching or supervising young people may also be asked to apply for a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check.

### **Good Practice**

All members of the Club should follow the good practice guidelines attached (see RYA Document 4) and agree to abide by the Club Code of Conduct (see RYA 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 Child Protection Officer.

### **Concerns**

Anyone who is concerned about a young member's welfare, either outside the sport or within the Club, should inform the Club Child Protection Officer immediately, in strict confidence. The Club Child Protection 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.

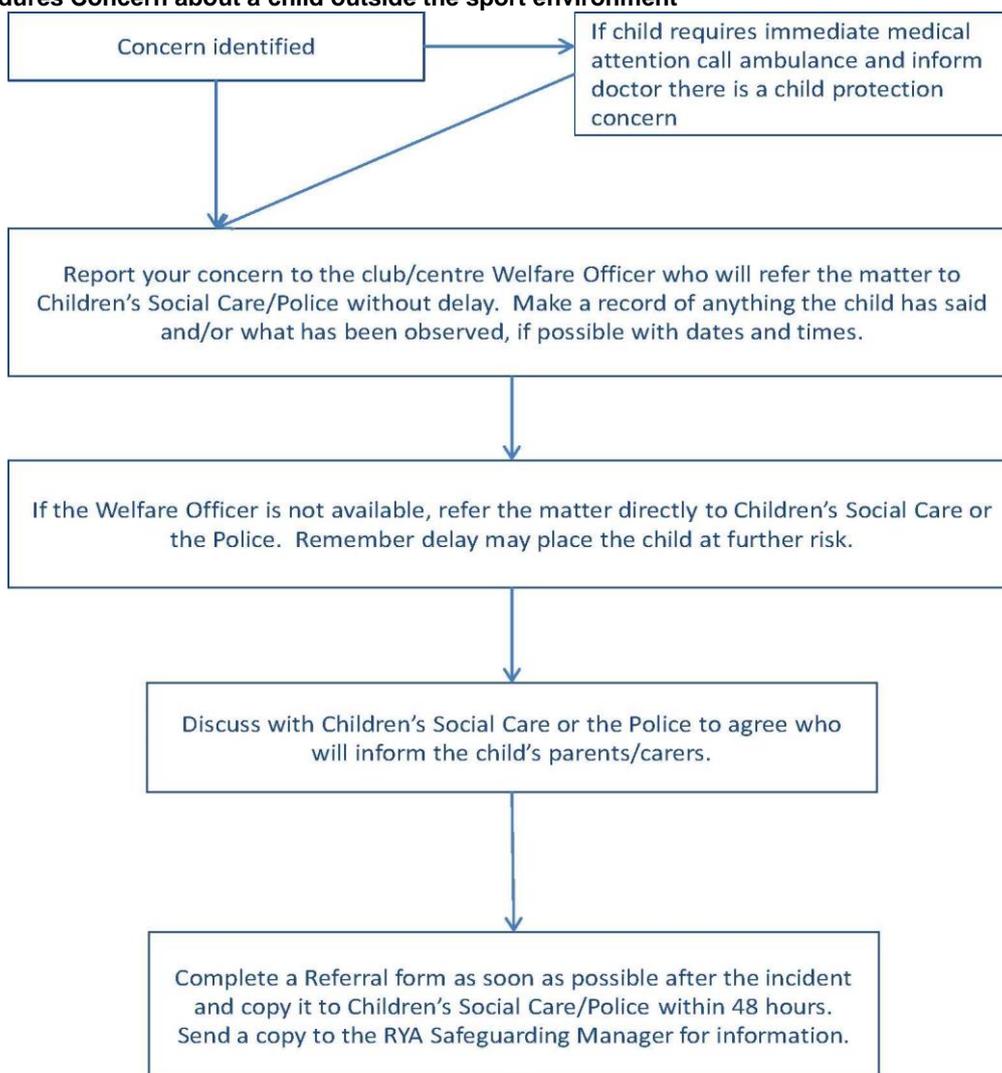
## Reporting Procedures

If you are uncertain what to do at any stage, contact the RYA's Safeguarding Manager on 023 8060 4104 or the NSPCC free 24-hour helpline 0808 800 5000.

Details of Children's Social Care departments and emergency duty teams are listed on local authority websites and in local phone books. If you are unable to find the appropriate contact number, call the RYA's Safeguarding Manager or, if a child is at immediate risk, the Police.

### Flowchart 1

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



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