



# Chipstead Sailing Club

## **SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT**

It is the policy of Chipstead Sailing Club that all members, participants, coaches, instructors, officials, parents and volunteers show respect and understanding for each other, treat everyone equally within the context of the sport and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club/class. The aim is for all members and participants to enjoy their sport and to improve performance.

**Abusive language, swearing, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action.**

### **Participants**

- Listen to and accept what you are asked to do to improve your performance and keep you safe
- Respect other members, participants, coaches, instructors, officials and volunteers
- Abide by the rules and play fairly
- Do your best at all times
- Never bully others either in person, by phone, by text or online
- Take care of all property belonging to other members, participants, the club or its members

### **Parents, Guardians and Carers**

- Support the participant's involvement and help them enjoy their sport
- Help the participant to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force the participant to take part in sport
- Never punish or belittle the participant for losing or making mistakes
- Encourage and guide the participant to accept responsibility for their own conduct and performance
- Respect and support the coach or instructor
- Accept officials' judgements and recognise good performance by all participants
- Use established procedures where there is a genuine concern or dispute
- Inform the club organisers of relevant medical information
- Ensure that the participant wears suitable clothing and has appropriate food and drink
- Provide contact details and be available when required



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- Take responsibility for the participant's safety and conduct in and around the clubhouse and grounds
- Children under the age of 18 years are the responsibility of their parents, carers or guardians whilst using the water and facilities of the Club. It is a requirement of CSC that a parent or a guardian of children under the age of 16 years must be on club premises at all such times
- Accept that adult participants have a right to take risks and to take decisions about their welfare, unless they lack the capacity to do so as defined by the Mental Health Act 2005

## **Coaches, Instructors, Officials and Volunteers**

- Consider the welfare and safety of members and participants before the development of performance
- Encourage members and participants to value their performance and not just results
- Promote fair play and never condone cheating
- Ensure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Build relationships based on mutual trust and respect
- Work in an open environment
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact
- Be an excellent role model and display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Do not drink alcohol or smoke when working directly with young people or adults at risk
- Communicate clearly with parents, guardians, carers, participants and members
- Be aware of any relevant medical information
- Follow RYA and club/class guidelines and policies
- Holders of RYA Instructor and Coach qualifications must also comply with the RYA Code of Ethics and Conduct
- Holders of RYA Race Official appointments must also comply with the RYA Race Officials Code of Conduct

If you are concerned that someone is not following the Code of Conduct, you should inform your Club/Class Welfare Officer or the person in charge of the activity.