WOSC

Junior Sailing Policy

Overview, Objectives and

Child Protection Policy Statement

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Overview

* All Junior sailing activities are open to all members aged 8 to 18.
* The objective of the supervised junior sailing is to get children on the water enjoying sailing.
* We have to insist on members only for insurance purposes.
* Sunday junior training sessions usually start at 10:00. Saturday junior training events start at 13:00. Both are notified in the Programme Of Events (POE) and on our web site at www.wosc.org.uk.
* No charges are made for the training events. It must be understood that these are club activities conducted by a group of adult members who wish to teach the juniors.
* It is expected that a parent or other responsible adult will be present throughout the training sessions. As the group will be of mixed ages and abilities, parents are expected to make their own judgement as to the suitability of the conditions for their own children.
* Only Optimists, Toppers, Mirrors, Fireflys, Wayfarers and anything of comparable speeds are allowed at the training sessions.
* If private boats are used then they must have 3rd party insurance as stated in the club rules.
* Safety briefings are held prior to training activities starting.

* Buoyancy aids, waterproofs, wetsuits, hats etc will not be provided.
* The formal risk assessment is a separate document and may be viewed on the WOSC safety notice board.
* Events that are specifically organised for juniors; Such as Junior and ladies Series and the Junior Regatta are held under the WOSC Sailing Instructions and do not form part of the junior training calendar.

Minimum Training Objectives

* To teach Juniors how to rig Toppers , Oppies and Fireflys.
* How to launch and recover the boats safely.
* How to leave and return to the shore.
* How to recover from a capsize.
* How to tie some simple knots.
* How to sail a simple course safely and competently.
* Acquire knowledge of some simple rules.

# WOSC Child Protection Policy Statement

(Revised from the RYA document dated Dec 2005)

As defined in the Children Act 1989, for the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. The policy also applies to vulnerable adults.

**It is the policy of WOSC to safeguard children and young people taking part in boating from physical, sexual or emotional harm. WOSC will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in WOSC activities do so in a safe environment. We recognise that the safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, social status or sexual identity, have a right to protection from abuse.**

WOSC 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.
* Recognise that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
* Ensure that WOSC training and events are run to the highest possible safety standards.
* Be prepared to review its ways of working to incorporate best practice.

We will:

* Treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements.
* Carefully recruit and select all employees, contractors and volunteers.
* Respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about poor practice or suspected or actual child abuse.

This policy relates to all employees, contractors and volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults in the course of their WOSC duties. It will be kept under periodic review. All relevant concerns, allegations, complaints and their outcome should be notified to the WOSC Child Protection Co-ordinator.