

Schull Harbour Sailing Club

Child Safeguarding Statement

Schull Harbour Sailing Club (SHSC) provides an opportunity for youth sailors to get a taste for the sport of sailing and develop their skills throughout the summer.

- Schull Harbour Sailing Club
- Junior Sailing on club Dinghies
- The Pier, Schull, Co. Cork, Ireland
- Numbers up to approximately 30 Children and 10 Adult Supervisors

SHSC Principles to safeguard children from harm

Schull Harbour Sailing Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of Irish Sailing's Safeguarding Policies our staff, both volunteers and employed, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles are adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood should be understood and valued by everyone involved in sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences should be guided by what is best for children. This means that adults should have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sport and should be encouraged in an age-appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children should be valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

SHSC Risk Assessment

This Schull Harbour Sailing Club Written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents require to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified and procedures to manage these risks are contained in the following categories:

Risk Identified as defined in the CFA 2015	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Risk of harm of a child by a member of staff/volunteer; — Risk of harm of a child by a visitor to the service; — Risk of harm of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer; — Risk of harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer; — Risk of harm of a child through the use of unauthorised photography; — Risk of harm of a child through social media/internet use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment Policy / Follow Code of Conduct - Employment Contract / Instructor Charter - Photography & Use of Images policy - Social Media Policy
<p>Club and Coaching Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of coaching qualification. — Supervision issues. — Unauthorised photography & recording activities. — Behavioural Issues. — Lack of gender balance amongst coaches — Lack of adherence with misc procedures in Safeguarding policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coach education policy/Recruitment policy. — Supervision policy/Coach education policy — Photography & Use of Images policy — Code of Conduct / Safeguarding 1 / Complaints & Disciplinary policy. — Coach education policy / Supervision policy. — Safeguarding Policy / Complaints & disciplinary policy

<p>Complaints & Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of awareness of a Complaints & Disciplinary policy. — Difficulty in raising an issue by child & or parent — Complaints not being dealt with seriously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure. — Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure. — Complaints & Disciplinary procedure/policy.
<p>Reporting Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of knowledge of organisational & statutory reporting procedures — No DLP appointed. — Concerns of abuse or harm not reported. — Not clear who YP should talk to or report to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Reporting procedures/policy / Coach Education policy / Code of Conduct/Behaviour. — Reporting procedures/policy. — Reporting procedures/policy / Child Safeguarding Training – Level 1 — Post the names of CCO, DLP and Mandated person.

<p>Use of Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Unauthorised access to designated children’s play & practice areas & to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc..... — Unauthorised exit from children’s areas. — Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas. — Missing or found child on site. — Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Supervision policy / Coach Education. — Supervision policy / Coach Education. — Photography policy and use of devices in private zones. — Missing or found child policy. — Safeguarding policy.
<p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Recruitment of inappropriate people. — Lack of clarity on roles. — Unqualified or untrained people in role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Recruitment policy. — Recruitment policy. — Recruitment policy.
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Lack of awareness of ‘risk of harm’ with members and visitors. — No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement of Code of Behaviour to members of visitors. — Unauthorised photography & recording of activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Child Safeguarding Statement / Training Policy. — Child Safeguarding Statement (display) / Code of Behaviour (distribute). — Photography & Use of Images policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Inappropriate use of social media & communications by under 18's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Communications policy / Code of conduct
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The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 24th May 2021.

SHSC Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Schull Harbour Sailing Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons.
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

Please note that all procedures listed are available on request.

The Relevant Person for Schull Harbour Sailing Club is Alan Dwyer.

SHSC Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

Please note the following:

- That all staff have been furnished with a copy of this statement.
- This statement is available to parents/guardians, the Agency and members of the public on request.
- This statement will be displayed on the club website and also in the storage container in the club's dinghy pen.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 31st of May 2023

Signed: *Alan Dwyer*

Date: 31st May 2021

On behalf of the Schull Harbour Sailing Club

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For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Alan Dwyer