

Llandegfedd Sailing Club

Child Protection Policy Statement

Llandegfedd Sailing club is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children and young people and vulnerable adults. This policy incorporates guidance from Child Safe in Sport Wales and Royal Yachting Association Child Protection Policies.

- We recognise that the child's and vulnerable adult welfare is paramount
- Anyone under the age of 18 years will be considered as a child for the purposes of this document as defined in the Children Act 1989; this also applies to vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that all children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity, have the right to freedom from abuse.
- We will create a safe and welcoming environment both on and off the water, where children can have fun and develop their skills and confidence.
- We recognise that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
- We will treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements.
- Carefully recruit and select all and volunteers.
- Respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns.
- We ensure that all volunteers acting for the club are aware of this policy, the associated code of practice, guidelines and procedures and that they accept responsibility for protecting children in their care.
- We will provide parents and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have.
- We have a Child Protection Officer who has specific responsibility for child protection and acts as the main point of contact for parents, children and outside agencies.
- We will ensure that access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Protection Officer, Club Commodore and those with a need to know and the external authorities.
- We will maintain a code of practice covering
 - (i) recruitment of staff and volunteers who will be in contact with children
 - (ii) guidelines to prevent the abuse of children in our charge
 - (iii) procedures if allegations or suspicions are reported
- We will review the effectiveness of our Child Protection Policy and activities annually.

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Child Protection Officer