



# WOSC SAILING SCHOOL



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## WOSC Sailing School Code of Conduct

It is the policy of WOSC that all 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 WOSC. The aim is for all participants to enjoy their sport and to improve performance.

### Photography policy

- Do not take photographs or videos of any child without the verbal consent of their parent/guardian. Long-distance photos of children sailing do not require consent, providing that children cannot be identified.
- Club members may be asked to identify themselves as a child's parent if they are taking photographs/ videoing them.
- If the Club publishes images of children, written parental consent is required and no identifying information other than names will be included.

### Participants

- Listen to and accept what you are asked to do to improve your performance and keep you safe
- Respect other 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 participants, WOSC or its members.

### Parents

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



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- Take responsibility for your child's safety and conduct in and around the clubhouse and club grounds
- If your child is under sixteen years of age, sign your child into training sessions and remain on site at WOSC at all times. Provide contact details to Instructors so that you can be quickly identified if there are any issues involving your child.
- If your child is at least sixteen years of age, then can attend the club unaccompanied by a parent/carer and sign themselves into training sessions, but please make sure that they can provide an emergency contact number for you.

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

- Consider the welfare and safety of participants before the development of performance
- Encourage 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 with young people
- 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
- Communicate clearly with parents and participants
- Be aware of any relevant medical information
- Follow RYA and WOSC guidelines and policies
- Holders of RYA Instructor and Coach qualifications must also comply with the RYA Code of Conduct
- Holders of RYA Race Official appointments must also comply with the RYA Race Officials Code of Conduct.

**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.**

If you are concerned that someone is not following the Code of Conduct, you should inform the person in charge of the activity, or if it is a safeguarding issue involving a child or vulnerable adult, the WOSC Child Welfare Officer [Lisa Kinahan](#).