



Flinders Yacht Club Inc.

Child Safety Statement of Commitment

This Statement of Commitment was adopted by the General Committee as a By-law of the Club in accordance with rule 64 of the Rules of the Club on 24 March 2019. In accordance with the Club's rules, it is binding on members and their guests. It is due to be reviewed by the General Committee in 2021.

Background

The Club:

- encourages family participation in all Club activities;
- seeks to provide all members, including child members, with opportunities to develop their sailing skills in a safe environment;
- has a strong culture of encouraging, training, nurturing and empowering child members to participate in Club activities; and
- has a strong focus on safety (both on and off the water) and promotes personal responsibility for safety in sailing activities.

Commitment

The Club is committed to:

- providing all child members with safe environment in which to develop their sailing skills;
- encouraging, training, nurturing and empowering all child members to participate in Club activities; and
- ensuring that the views of all child members are respected.

The Club will not tolerate any form of child abuse whether:

- *physical abuse* – use of physical force or a threat of physical force;
- *sexual abuse* – sexual behaviour, 'flashing', conversations of a sexual nature, comments suggesting a desire to act a sexual manner and 'grooming' children with sexual intentions;
- *emotional or psychological abuse* – comments or behaviours which make a child feel worthless, inadequate, rejected, frightened or in danger; and
- *neglect* – failing to provide children with adequate attention or supervision, putting them in danger.

Implementation

All members of the Club are required to:

- act in a manner consistent with this **Child Safety Statement of Commitment**;
- comply with the Club's **Child Safety Code of Conduct**; and
- report any concerns about child safety within the Club in accordance with the Club's **Child Safety Reporting Policy**.

Rob Cave

Commodore, Flinders Yacht Club Inc. 24 March 2019.