



Health and Safety Policy



The Health and Safety Policy of Snettisham Beach Sailing Club (SBSC) is: -

- to provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from Club activities;
- to provide and maintain safe Club equipment;
- to provide information, instruction in the use of Club equipment;
- to prevent accidents;
- to maintain safe and healthy conditions;
- to review and revise this policy as necessary at regular intervals; and
- to ensure all members are competent to undertake any task they may volunteer to do and give them adequate training

Aims of organised water-based activities

The fundamental aims of organised water-based activities at SBSC are: -

- that they should promote the aims of the club
- that they should meet the activity needs of club members
- that all reasonable actions are taken to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all persons involved.

All participating members or, in the case of children aged 17 and under, their parents, are responsible for their own safety, and the insurance, suitability and condition of their own boats and equipment, at all times.

Responsibilities:

The General Committee of SBSC has the overall responsibility for the safety of all adult and junior members and visitors engaged in organised activities. All participating members will be expected to abide by the decisions of the responsible officers for all SBSC activities.

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise.

SBSC is not responsible for members' safety whilst on water-borne activities not forming part of officially organised club activities.

All persons involved in on or off the water activities share the responsibility for the safety of the participants. Therefore: -

- It is the duty of all members to be vigilant and aware of all circumstances that may affect the safety of both themselves and others.

- It is the duty of all members to notify any Flag Officer or Committee Member of any situation or circumstance that concerns them, or that they feel may affect the safety of any person. This must be done as soon as possible, and then confirmed in writing.

The nominated leader of all junior activities has the specific responsibility for the safety of all those involved.

For official Club training events, the RYA Principal is responsible for the safety of all those involved. Should an injury be sustained by a Junior, his/her parents are always to be informed as well as the injury being recorded in the accident book. Great care is to be taken with head injuries, however minor.

Equipment

- Students wear personal buoyancy and footwear at all times.
- Personal and boat equipment (owned by SBSC) checked by a designated member of staff at the end of each session (Designated by SI during daily briefing).
- Any damaged or worn items repaired or taken out of service until replaced.
- Regular checks are carried out with regard to the condition of boats and equipment to ensure suitability for the job in hand.
- Due to the nature of the training taking place club members boats are often used for training purposes. It is the responsibility of the student (club member) to ensure that their craft/ personal equipment is suitable for the training taking place. However the Senior Instructor will make the final call as to whether the craft/ equipment is suitable (As per RYA guidance notes).