

## **Greystones Sailing Club Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct**

### **Purpose**

This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure that **parents and guardians of children and young people attending activities at Greystones Sailing Club** understand the standards of behaviour expected of them. Its aim is to support a safe, positive, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for all junior sailors.

### **Parents and Guardians must:**

- Treat all **instructors, volunteers, committee members, sailors, parents, and visitors** with respect and courtesy at all times
- Support instructors and volunteers in delivering sailing activities safely and effectively
- Promote the Club's values of **fair play, inclusion, respect, and enjoyment**
- Encourage children to follow club rules, safety instructions, and the Junior Code of Conduct
- Communicate respectfully and constructively with instructors, officials, and committee members

### **Communication & Attendance:**

- Inform the **Senior Instructor or Course Organiser** if your child:
  - Is unable to attend a session
  - Will arrive late or needs to leave early
  - Has any medical, additional, or support needs that the Club should be aware of
- Ensure children arrive **punctually** for sessions and are collected promptly at the end
- Ensure **clear pick-up arrangements** are in place and communicated to your child
- Refrain from distracting instructors during sessions unless urgent or necessary

### **Equipment & Preparation:**

- Ensure children attend with **appropriate sailing clothing and equipment**, including:
  - Buoyancy aid
  - Wetsuit or suitable sailing clothing
  - Sailing footwear
  - Weather-appropriate outerwear (e.g. kag)
- Ensure all personal equipment is clearly labelled
- Inform instructors of any issues that may affect your child's participation

### **Behaviour & Conduct:**

- Never demonstrate **threatening, aggressive, abusive, or disrespectful behaviour**

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- Never use **inappropriate language** at the Club or during Club activities
- Respect the safety, welfare, and enjoyment of **all children**, not just your own
- Avoid applying pressure to children or instructors regarding performance or progression
- Follow club procedures for **complaints or concerns**, rather than addressing issues directly with children or other parents

#### **Safety & Supervision:**

Parents and guardians are reminded that **Greystones Sailing Club provides instruction, supervision, and rescue cover only during officially organised Club activities**, such as:

- Junior training courses
- Junior Sunday Sailing
- ISA courses
- Club racing and events

Outside of these organised activities and times, **parents and guardians are solely responsible for the supervision, safety, and behaviour of their children**, and the Club cannot accept responsibility for children or other persons not participating in Club-organised events.

#### **Breaches of this Code:**

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in:

- Informal discussion or reminder of expected behaviour
  - Formal warning
  - Restriction of parental involvement at activities
  - Further action in line with Club and Irish Sailing disciplinary and safeguarding procedures
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