



The Harbour, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

### **Section 1 – Organisation Name:Greystones Sailing Club**

**Greystones Sailing Club** is involved in the provision of various sailing activities and opportunities, including training, instructing and supervision, to enable adults and young people to enjoy a safe and welcoming life on the water.

Organisation: **Greystones Sailing Club**

Activities: Sailing/Powerboating/Racing/Instructing/Courses

Address: **Greystones Sailing Club**

**The Harbour**

**Greystones**

**Co.Wicklow**

### **Section 2 - Principles to safeguard children from harm**

Greystones Sailing Club is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults by working under the guidance of Irish Sailing's Safeguarding Policies. Through our staff, both volunteers and employed, and membership base, we seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop within sport. The following set of principles are adhered to:

- **Importance of childhood** - The importance of childhood is understood and valued by everyone involved in our sport.
- **Needs of the child** - All children's sport experiences are guided by what is best for children. This means that adults have a basic understanding of the emotional, physical and personal needs of young people.
- **Integrity in relationships** - Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should always ensure that children are treated with integrity and respect, and the self-esteem of young people is enhanced.
- **Fair Play** - All children's sport should be conducted in an atmosphere of fair play. The principles of fair play should always be emphasised, and organisers should give clear guidelines regarding acceptable standards of behaviour.
- **Quality atmosphere & ethos** - Children's sport should be conducted in a safe, positive and encouraging atmosphere.
- **Competition** - Competition is an essential element of sailing and is encouraged in an age appropriate manner. A child centred ethos will help to ensure that competition and specialisation are kept in their appropriate place.
- **Equality** - All children are valued and treated in an equitable and fair manner regardless of ability, age, gender, religion, social and ethnic background or political persuasion.

Signed:

Date: 07/02/2026

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**Club Children's Officer**

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### **Section 3 - Risk Assessment**

This Risk Assessment indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to manage and mitigate these risks. All of these policies are hosted on Irish Sailing's website: [www.sailing.ie/library](http://www.sailing.ie/library)

<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage risk identified</b>
<b>Club and Coaching Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Lack of coaching qualification.</li><li>○ Supervision issues.</li><li>○ Unauthorised photography &amp; recording activities.</li><li>○ Behavioural Issues.</li><li>○ Lack of gender balance amongst instructors/coaches</li><li>○ No guidance for travelling &amp; away trips</li><li>○ Lack of adherence with misc. procedures in Safeguarding policy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Coach education policy/Recruitment policy.</li><li>○ Supervision policy/Training policy</li><li>○ Photography &amp; Use of Images policy</li><li>○ Code of Conduct / Safeguarding Training/ Complaints &amp; Disciplinary policy.</li><li>○ Equal Opportunities / Supervision policy.</li><li>○ Travel/Away trip policy / Safeguarding Training.</li><li>○ Safeguarding Policy / Complaints &amp; disciplinary policy</li></ul>
<b>Complaints &amp; Discipline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Lack of awareness of a Complaints &amp; Disciplinary policy.</li><li>○ Difficulty in raising an issue by child &amp; or parent</li><li>○ Complaints not being dealt with seriously</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Complaints &amp; Disciplinary procedure/policy / Communications procedure.</li><li>○ Complaints &amp; Disciplinary procedure policy / Reporting Guidelines</li><li>○ Complaints &amp; Disciplinary procedure policy.</li></ul>
<b>Reporting Procedures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Lack of knowledge of organisational &amp; statutory reporting procedures</li><li>○ No DLP appointed.</li><li>○ Concerns of abuse or harm not reported.</li><li>○ Not clear who YP should talk to or report to.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Reporting procedures policy / Coach Education policy / Code of Conduct.</li><li>○ Reporting procedures policy.</li><li>○ Reporting procedures policy / Safeguarding Training</li><li>○ Poster with key roles</li></ul>
<b>Use of Facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Unauthorised access to designated children's play &amp; practice areas &amp; to changing rooms, showers, toilets etc.....</li><li>○ Unauthorised exit from children's areas.</li><li>○ Photography, filming or recording in prohibited areas.</li><li>○ Children sharing facilities with adults e.g. dressing room, showers etc...</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Supervision policy / Training Policy</li><li>○ Photography &amp; use of images policy</li><li>○ Safeguarding policy.</li></ul>



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<b>Recruitment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Recruitment of inappropriate people.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Lack of clarity on roles.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Unqualified or untrained people in role.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Recruitment policy.</li></ul>
<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Lack of awareness of 'risk of harm' with members and visitors.</li><li><input type="radio"/> No communication of Child Safeguarding Statement or Code of Behaviour to members or visitors.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Unauthorised photography &amp; recording of activities.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Inappropriate use of social media &amp; communications by under 18's</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Child Safeguarding Statement / Safeguarding Training Policy.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Child Safeguarding Statement (display)/ Code of Conduct/Coach Charter (distribute).</li><li><input type="radio"/> Photography &amp; Use of Images policy</li><li><input type="radio"/> Communications policy/Code of conduct</li></ul>
<b>General Risk of Harm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Harm not being recognised.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Harm caused by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Child to Child.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Coach to Child.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Volunteer to Child.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Member to Child.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Visitor to Child.</li></ul></li><li><input type="radio"/> General behavioural issues.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Issues of Bullying.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Vetting of staff/volunteers.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Issues of Online Safety</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Child Safeguarding Training Policy</li><li><input type="radio"/> Safeguarding policy / Child Safeguarding Training Policy / Supervision Policy</li><li><input type="radio"/> Code of Conduct.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Anti-Bullying policy.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Recruitment policy / Garda Vetting policy.</li><li><input type="radio"/> Social Media policy.</li></ul>

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 07/02/2026 and will be reviewed within 2 years, on or before the 07/02/2028

Signed:

Name: Shaunna O'Farrell

**Club Children's Officer**  
**Greystones Sailing Club**

#### **Section 4 – Procedures**

Reviewed By: Mark Hanley - Centre Principal/ Junior Development Officer – Date: February 2026



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Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 The Children First: National Guidance, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure & Practice and Sport Ireland's Safeguarding Guidance for Children & Young People in Sport.

In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

The following policies & procedures in place:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated persons.

#### **Section 5 – Implementation**

**Greystones Sailing Club** is committed to the ongoing implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

Please note the following:

- This statement and supporting policies will be displayed on our website/noticeboard and be available to view for all.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on or before: 07 /02 /2028

Signed:

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For additional queries on this Safeguarding Statement, all relevant concerns, allegations, complaints and their outcomes should be notified to Irish Sailing's National Children's Officer & Mandated Person please contact Irish Sailing Safeguarding at 01 2710113 or [safeguarding@sailing.ie](mailto:safeguarding@sailing.ie)

#### **Reviewed By:**

Reviewed By: Mark Hanley - Centre Principal/ Junior Development Officer – Date: February 2026



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Mark Hanley – Centre Principal

**Date:**

08/02/2026

