

Swords Sailing & Boating Club Estuary Road Malahide Co. Dublin K36 P285

Code of Conduct

The club aims to develop and maintain a family friendly environment for everyone to enjoy whilst participating in the activities of the club.

The Code of Conduct's purpose is to set out levels of behavior expected by everyone and is applicable to all club members, including instructors, individuals, parents, children and guests.

Note: The Club's Safeguarding Statement and the Safeguarding policies are further documents specifically in relation to children. They include amongst others, the codes of Conduct for instructors, children, volunteers and parents.

Everyone is entitled to:-

- Participate on an equal basis appropriate to their ability and stage of development.
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect.
- Everybody should be able to ask for help.
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy sports.
- Make a complaint in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through an effective complaints procedure.

Club Members including Juniors:-

- Be friendly and welcoming, particularly to new members and work together as a team.
- Ensure personal equipment is properly marked and safely stored in allocated spaces.
- Approach Committee members with any concerns they may have.
- Follow instructions given by Committee members.
- Treat all sailboats, including club sail boats, club safety boats, committee boat, equipment, club pen and the clubhouse with respect.
- Report inappropriate behavior or situations to a Committee member or Children's Officer where appropriate.
- Do not allow rough, provocative or dangerous play, bullying, or the use of bad abusive language, sexually inappropriate language or inappropriate behaviour.
- Never take equipment from other boats/trailers If you take something without permission it is not borrowing, it is stealing.



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- All incidents and accidents should be recorded in the appropriate incident/accident Report form.
- Observe confidentiality in respect of information gained as a member of the Club.

Fair Sailing:-

- Sailors should respect their fellow sailors and competitors and maintain the recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
- Sailors when racing should abide by the current Racing Rules of Sailing as laid out by World Sailing. They should also abide by their individual class rules.
- Sailors should help their fellow sailors and competitors if they get into difficulty on the water.
- Sailors should accept apologies from their fellow sailors and competitors when they are offered.
- Sailors should be modest in winning and gracious in losing.

Safety:-

- Be safety conscious at all times.
- Familiarise yourself with the Clubs rule, policies and guidelines especially with regard to Safety.
- Wear appropriate clothing, equipment and buoyancy aid when afloat.
- Carry out your own personal risk assessment based on all relevant factors, making sure to include the prevailing conditions and your own relevant experience before making a decision to go afloat.
- Keep within the identified safe racing areas on water and on land.
- Observe safe work practices which avoid unnecessary risks, and report to the club committee any hazard or hazardous practice in the club.



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