



Hayling Island Model Boat Club

Young & Vulnerable Person's Protection Policy

(For Members, Parents and Guardians of Y & VP's)

YOUNG AND VULNERABLE PERSONS PROTECTION POLICY

General

Hayling Island Model Boat Club (HIMBC) believes that every young and vulnerable person, regardless of age, has at all times and in all situations the right to feel safe & protected from all forms of abuse.

Abuse falls into four categories: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.

Aims

The following aims are to guide HIMBC committee, members and visitors, should any child protection issue arise.

Who the policy applies to

The Policy applies to all HIMBC Members, their relatives and Visitors. A Young person is any person aged 18 or less. If the Young Person has learning difficulties this age is extended to 25 years old.

This policy must also be read in conjunction with the Club's Rules & Operating Procedures, which will also apply.

Membership of HIMBC and Attendance at Mill Rythe

- No person 'under 18' may become a member of HIMBC or may attend unless accompanied by a member (friend or relative), parent or guardian
- If any YP or VP wishing to sail regularly with HIMBC (i.e. on four or more occasions per annum) they may do so however, his or her friend, parent or legal guardian must be a fully paid up member of HIMBC and be in attendance at all times.
- Where family members are involved it will be assumed that those relatives are attending with full parental or guardian consent.
- In the case of member's friends, it will be necessary for the member to obtain a written consent (provided by the club) from the parent or guardian to the YP or VP's attendance at Mill Rythe.
- All occasional visits must be recorded on the board in the clubhouse.
- Under no circumstances is the YP or VP to be unescorted anywhere on the Mill Rythe site.

Responsibilities

- The Child Protection representative (**CPR**) for the HIMBC is the ***Chairman or in his absence the Secretary.***

- Any incident giving rise to concern that a young or vulnerable person might be being abused during an HIMBC activity, must be brought to the attention of the CPR who will take responsibility for any action taken.

Reporting Procedure

Any member receiving a complaint and any member being the subject of a complaint, in addition to reporting the matter as stated above, must make a written record (using the form kept in the clubhouse) of all the circumstances, to include details persons involved either directly or as witnesses.

The Chairman / Secretary are obliged to bring any concerns or disclosures made to them to the attention of Hampshire Children's Services on 0845-603-5620 (out of hours 0845-600-4555).

Recommended Behaviour for Club Members and Visitors

- There must always be a minimum of 2 adults present when supervising children, one of whom must be a relative member, parent or guardian .
- Physical contact games must not be played with young people.
- Visitors & Members should wear appropriate clothing at all time
- Never do anything for a young person of a personal nature.

Declaration

This policy has been adopted by HIMBC on 15 February 2012, It will be incorporated into the HIMBC Rules and Procedures and It will be reviewed each year at the HIMBC Annual General Meeting

R A Briggs. Chairman.

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