



# Foynes Yacht Club

## Sailing Academy Safety Statement

It is the objective of the Foynes Yacht Club to promote and maintain a high standard of health and safety on its premises and in all pursuits associated with the club.

The club recognises and accepts responsibility for providing a safe environment for its employees, members, trainees and visitors who have occasion to use its facilities.

The club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (insofar as it is applicable) are satisfied. The club has also fully adopted the “Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children’s Sport” of the Irish Sports Council in its running of all youth activity in the club.

The club maintains as a principle that all members have an individual responsibility to act within the law in so far as it applies to boating activities in this country. It is their responsibility also to act with due care at all times and to report accidents, hazards or unsafe occurrences to the club Safety Officer or member of the committee.

The following responsibilities apply at Foynes Yacht Club:

### The Flag Officers and Committee:

- Support and pursue at all times the health and safety policies and procedures of the club.
- Continuously monitor the effectiveness of these policies and procedures.
- Assist the Safety Officer in the investigation of the root causes of accidents, hazards and dangerous occurrences within the club grounds and sailing areas.

### Safety Officer:

- Maintain the club Safety Policy Statement in a state of relevance by reviewing it annually and proposing amendments for committee approval.
- Maintain Safety records and information for inspection by club members and visitors.
- Ensure there is a system of reporting, recording and investigating accidents, hazards and dangerous occurrences and that actions to prevent reoccurrence are recorded and carried out.
- Ensure that proper signage is applied to warn of all serious hazards on the club grounds.
- Ensure that emergency procedures are developed and communicated to all potential users.

### Training Centre Principal:

- Ensure that instructors are properly qualified for the courses provided.
- Ensure that all equipment used is fit for purpose.
- Ensure that training is provided in accordance with best practice established by Irish Sailing guidelines.