

THE PROMOTION OF WELFARE AND CARE OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

MTMBC is committed to the care and welfare of children and vulnerable adults, particularly when it concerns protection from abuse. Everyone has a part to play whether they be a club office or member. However, the parents, guardians, carers, friends and not least those that we are caring for also have a vital part to play.

Members are advised that if they suspect a child or vulnerable adult is being abused in any way during their model boating activities, they should contact any Officer of the club or follow the advice given in this policy. Any such contact will remain strictly confidential.

For the purposes of this section a child shall be deemed to be any person under the age of 18 years.

GUIDANCE ON CARING OF JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERS

1. Responsibility for junior club members is shared between the parents/guardians and the club members.
2. Junior members must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. The level of supervision is to be commensurate with the junior members age. Maturity, capabilities and levels of experience.
3. No senior member is to be expected to assume responsibility of a junior member unless they have been specifically requested to do so by the junior members parent/guardian and they have agreed to do so. They must then assume complete and total responsibility for the junior member whilst in their charge.
4. Should a member discover a junior member is unsupervised they must assume responsibility for the junior member's safety in the first instance. The situation should then be rectified as soon as possible by seeking out the junior member's parent/guardian or nominated supervisor. Any such occurrence must be reported to the club committee as soon as possible.
5. If it is reported to the Committee that junior member is being left unattended by their parent, guardian or supervising member the Committee shall advise the said parent, guardian or supervising member that leaving a junior member in their charge unattended will not be tolerated and if the practice continues will lead to expulsion from the club.
6. Particular care must be taken with the supervision of junior members under the age of 14 years. A responsible adult is defined as a senior member or parent/guardian who has the experience commensurate with the type and degree of supervision required.
7. Whilst supervising junior members, senior members should be aware of the requirements of the Children Act (1989) and avoid placing themselves in a position that could be open to misinterpretation or question.
8. It should be noted that any disclaimer concerning the care of any member, particularly junior members, is not acceptable in law.