Downs Sailing Club

Health & Safety Policy Statement

1. The Health & Safety Policy of the Downs SC is, so far as is reasonably practicable, to take all practical steps to protect the health, safety and welfare of all members and visitors to our premises by :-

a. providing proper facilities to safeguard their health and safety and to report any condition which appears dangerous and unsatisfactory.

b. providing and maintaining equipment that is, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to health.

c. providing arrangements for ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety and absence of risks in connection with the use, handling, storage, and transport of articles and substances.

d. providing such info action, instruction and training as is necessary to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the Health and Safety of all our members.

e. providing and maintaining the buildings under our control, so far as is reasonably practicable, such that they are safe and without risks to health including the means of access and egress from the buildings.

f. providing and maintaining, so far as is reasonably practicable, adequate facilities and arrangements for the welfare of our members.

2. The Club will encourage consultation and participation with members in improving health, safety, and welfare standards at all levels in the club.

3. The Club will monitor the effectiveness of this Health and Safety Policy, revise it as necessary and bring to the attention of members any such revisions. Whilst the Club will endeavour to keep up to date with Health and Safety legislation it will enlist the expertise of such external professionals as may be required in order to do so.

4. Whist the ultimate responsibility for matters of health and safety rests with the club it is the policy of the club to encourage members to co-operate with the club management in all safety matters including the identifying hazards, which may exist, to report any condition which appears dangerous or unsatisfactory back to the Executive Committee and to make practical suggestions for the improvement of existing facilities and arrangements.

5. It is the duty of each member to accept their own health and safety responsibilities, not to endanger themselves others and to actively assist in fulfilling the requirements and spirit of the Act by taking notice of any training and instruction provided, any safe systems of work or other work instruction and by using all equipment provided to protect themselves whilst at the club.

This Policy Statement will be reviewed and revised whenever changes in circumstances make this necessary, to comply with Section 2 (3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

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Please Read

Whether you are a member or just visiting please take a moment to familiarise yourself with our Health & Safety policy at DSC.

- A Fire Risk Assessment has been completed in accordance with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Risk Assessments on the building and its use have also been completed and displayed at Key locations.
- As a sailing club it is our duty to ensure that the club and its activities are as safe as possible for all users. They are detailed with the Operational Policy Document.

These risk assessments are based on common sense, good practice and experience. If you are a member then we would ask that you take a few minutes to read the risk assessments that can be found in a folder, in the rack next to the Bar & on the Website.

- Staying safe is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are a visitor and have any concerns then please do not hesitate to ask a club member who will only be too happy to help

A First Aid Kit, Defibrillator and telephone can all be found in the main entrance hall way.

Our address is **Downs Sailing Club,**
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