



# SLIGO YACHT CLUB

Safety Statement 2023



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## Introduction

This document is a written safety statement of Sligo Yacht Club (SYC). It along with other complementary documents shows that SYC has a commitment to ensure the safety health and welfare of all employees, members, visitor, public and those who may be in any way affected by the activities at SYC. It is imperative that it is read and understood by all members and that all members adhere to that which is laid out in the safety statement.

Sligo Yacht Club is situated at Deadman's Point, Rosses Point. Eircode F91 E778. It is an ISA affiliated sailing club and training school. It offers a range of activities such as dinghy and cruiser sailing and provides ISA certified training courses.

## 1. General Safety Policy

The management committee of SYC aims to create an environment for members to come sail but also learn and improve their sailing skills and continue to pursue their interest in sailing. To do this they aim to offer a facility which is safe and where the risks are reduced to a minimum through a variety of policies, procedure and control measures which will be highlight within the club's safety statement.

The safety statement has been prepared in line with the requirement of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (General Applications) Regulations 2007 to 2016 and current health and safety legislation for the health and safety of its workforce whilst at work and others who could be affected by its work activities. We will assess the hazards and risks faced by our workforce in the course of their work and take action to control those risks to an acceptable, tolerable level.

The intended aim of this safety statement is to, so far as is reasonably practicable reduce the risk of accidents and incidents which have the potential to result in injury or illness of any persons. The aim is to create a place for people to sail that is safe and so far, as is reasonable without risk to them. As well as that due to the number of families and children participating in club activities it is vital that the club does all in its power to safeguard the protection of children.

It is intended that this document will assist members to become more safety aware and will expectantly eliminate incidents and accidents that lead to injury and illness. This is done by highlighting the roles and responsibilities of all club members including the management committee and specific people within the club with a specific role in managing and implementing safety and health such as committee members, safety officer, senior instructor etc. It is vital that all members take responsibility for their own safety, while taken account of the policies and procedures put in place by the club.

The safety statement will highlight the hazard present in the physical area and the activities which take place by conducting a risk assessment. This will take account of current control measures place and any operating procedure that are in use. This assessment will be reviewed and updated regularly as required and the safety statement will reflect this.

The safety statement will also include several different areas such as emergency plan and procedure, training requirement, accident reporting and policies and procedures.

The safety statement will be made available to all members and relevant sections will be display on the club notice board.

### **Covid-19**

Several preventative measures were put in place to deal with COVID-19. Our aim is to provide the safest environment possible for all members and visitors.

We are continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will in line with Government guidance, implement new measures aimed at ensuring the safety of members, visitors and partners as the situation develops if required.


This club intends meeting its legal obligations by providing and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment so far as is reasonably practicable. This will be achieved through.

The provision of health and safety leadership in identifying and controlling health and safety risks so identified.

- Consultation with our members on matters affecting their health and safety.
- The provision and maintenance safe plant and equipment.
- Ensuring the safe handling and use of substances.
- The provision of necessary information, instruction, and training for our workforce, taking account of any who do not have English as a first language.
- Making sure that all workers are competent to do their work and giving them appropriate training.
- The prevention of accidents and cases of work-related ill health.
- The provision of the necessary resource required to make this policy and our health and safety arrangements effective.
- Aiming for a continuous improvement in our health and safety performance and management through a process of regular audit and review; and
- Reviewing this policy and associated arrangements on a periodic basis using findings from the audit process, staff consultations and incident investigation to guide change.

We also recognise.

- Our duty to co-operate and work with other employers and their workers, when their workers come onto our premises or sites to do work for us, to ensure the health and safety of everyone at work.

Signature .....  ..... Date ..... 15/01/2023 .....

Position ..... Committee Member .....

***This policy is reviewed on a periodic basis.***



## 2. Record Of Periodic Review of The Health and Safety Policy

Our Health and Safety General Policy Statement and Safety Arrangements are reviewed periodically at Committee Level. This is a record of these periodic reviews which should take place at least annually.

This record should be endorsed by all persons who carry out these periodic reviews.

DATE	WAS THIS A FULL REVIEW OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY Y/N	NAME OF REVIEWER (S)	NEW SAFETY STATEMENT SIGNED & DATED Y/N
15/01/2023	Y	Richard O'Boyle	Y

### 3. Roles and Responsibilities

#### Committee

Within Sligo Yacht Club primary management body is the general committee. They have the overall responsibility for running and managing the affairs of the club within an overall view to safety. The committee is made up of 9 elected members from the club and is led by the Commodore. The Commodore is an officer of the club and chairman of the committee. There are number of different roles that are fulfilled by the those on the committee, as outlined below. Committee members are responsible for the day-to-day safety within the area under their control.

The Committee structure may change depending on availability of personnel and duties may be shared and designated accordingly.